



Net News

Pediatric Palliative Care

Summer is here, and we are anticipating some great conferences in the fall. Check these out on pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter. The CHPCA conference will have

pediatric content included throughout the conference, so be sure to head out east and enjoy the learning and the ocean.

The next issue of the news-

letter will be coming out in December. So if you have anything you would like to add, just send to:

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Special points of interest:

- *New Resources*
- *Conferences and Educational Opportunities*

Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care: The Rainbows Children's Hospice Guideline



Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care is a key clinical tool used by children's palliative care doctors and nurses across the world. It is the only resource of its kind that provides comprehensive guidelines for treating a wide range of symptoms experienced by children with life-limiting or complex health conditions. *Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care*, now in its eighth edition, has become known as the symptom control 'industry bible' for professionals working in the field.

Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care has been developed and edited by Dr Satbir Singh Jassal, GP and Medical Director at Rainbows Children's Hospice, with contributions and peer reviews from 30 leading paediatric and palliative care specialists. It provides doctors and nursing staff with an 'all in one' reference tool for symptom management and children's palliative care medicines.

It's been designed to provide both practical support and hands on clinical information in the acute setting. It's also been written in language that parents can easily understand, as doctors and nursing staff who care for children in the community often leave a copy in the family home so it is on hand for reference.

Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care is packed with information about how to appropriately treat a wide range of symptoms including: infections, nausea and vomiting, seizures and muscle spasm, as well as pain management. The eighth edition of *Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care* includes new chapters on Ethics and HIV and AIDS; plus major updates on Syringe Drivers, Ventilation and Neurology.

For the first time ever it includes a comprehensive prescribing formulary. The new formulary has been adapted from the Association of Paediatric Palliative Medicine's master formulary to support those prescribing in children's palliative medicine.

Find this valuable resource at www.act.uk.org

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New Teaching Resources for Social Work Education in Hospice Palliative Care

A national team of social work educators and practitioners known as SCOPE - Social Work Competencies on Palliative Education are pleased to announce the release of their upcoming educational learning modules. This unit contains a series of five teaching modules specific to HPC that can be used to enhance Social Work competencies with people at end of life. The unit was developed with the knowledge that all Social Workers, at some point in their careers, will work with people facing life-limiting illness, death, and bereavement.

The information and tools included aim to enhance knowledge, skills, and practice fundamental to HPC but are also relevant for Social Workers working with people in any setting. These modules were designed to be used by educators and clinicians in university, college, continuing education, and community settings. The series of five modules can be used together as a unit, or each module can be used individually. It is also possible that individual exercises within a module could be extracted to use in isolation to bring a HPC lens to pre-existing course content. As a guideline it is suggested that it will take approximately three hours to teach a module in its entirety. The overarching intent of this teaching unit is to make competency-based, end of life care content and materials available to social work education programs in Canada, without requiring the addition of new courses to existing curricula.

The five unit modules are as follows:

Module 1: Fundamentals of Social Work in End of Life Care - This module provides an overview of the HPC perspective including history, definitions, philosophy, and approach to care.

Module 2: Communication - This module demonstrates how social workers skilfully communicate with patients, families, and team members in HPC.

Module 3: Care Planning and Delivery - This module outlines the ways that social workers contribute to and facilitate the planning and delivery of HPC.

Module 4: Advocacy - This module shows how advocacy is used by social workers in HPC, not only on behalf of patients and families but also from within teams, settings, and systems.

Module 5: Evaluation and Self-Reflective Practice - This module emphasizes the importance of social workers' participation in all levels of evaluation and their ongoing commitment to self-reflection.

Look for these modules on the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association website at: www.chpca.net

Hard copies of the learning unit are available. For more information, please contact:

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Third Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Research Symposium

Wednesday October 5th, 2011 at SickKids

The Circle of Care: Promoting Palliative Care at Diagnosis of a Life-Threatening Illness

Key Note Speaker: Dr. Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH Director, Pediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT). Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston

Join us for a full day of discussion and learning including: key note speaker Dr. Joanne Wolfe, an interdisciplinary panel debate, oral and poster research presentations by TRAC-PG members and much more.

The Team for Research in Adolescent and Childhood Palliation and Grief (TRAC-PG) and SickKids are pleased to announce the upcoming 3rd Annual Pediatric Palliative Care Research Symposium which will be held at SickKids on Wednesday October 5th, 2011.

This third annual Paediatric Palliative Care Symposium will focus on themes related to: addressing the issues of early integration into palliative care, how to approach parents to participate in research in palliative care, and more. Highlights will include our Grand Rounds key note speaker, Joanne Wolfe, from Boston Children's Hospital, oral and poster presentations by TRAC-PG scientists and clinicians, an expert panel debate regarding the successes and challenges to providing hospital based palliative care to children and a workshop/panel discussion with parents and health care providers. This symposium is open to parents, family members, SickKids and community clinicians and researchers, volunteers and decision makers. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in this symposium with other parents who have shared interests in networking, supporting each other, research, volunteering, and philanthropy. Registration fee includes: Full day admission to the conference and all sessions, Poster Session, Lunch, all Breaks, Cocktail, Cheese and Dessert Reception (general registration is \$35.00, \$25.00 for students and parent fees are complimentary. For more information or to register go to: <http://www.cvent.com/events/paediatric-palliative-care-research-symposium-2011/event-summary-5341491edb294486a0e78dcc5bc99604.aspx> or to www.tracpg.ca.

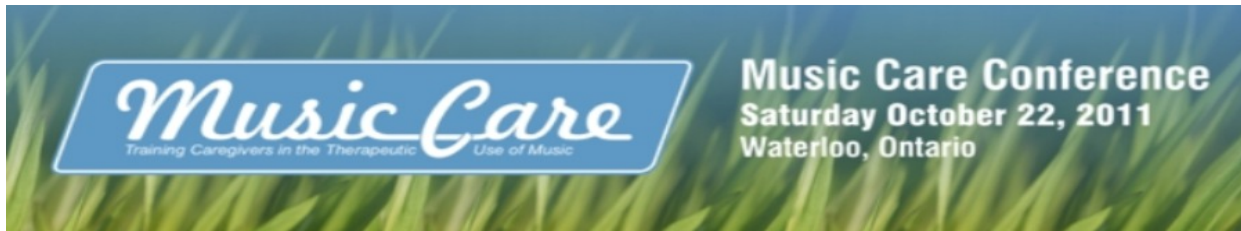


Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference

Congrès canadien de soins palliatifs

Navigating Safe Pathways to Quality Hospice Palliative Care
DELTA ST. JOHN'S HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE
ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND
SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2011

For more information: <http://conference.chpca.net/>



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Please join us at the second [Music Care Conference](#) this fall in Waterloo, Ontario!

The Room 217 Foundation Music Care Conference brings together community members in pursuing the issues and themes around caring for people with music. The conference provides both information and inspiration that will impact how music is used across the care spectrum. Participants experience music in a way that contributes to body-mind-spirit care.

This one-day conference is for:

Nurses	Teachers
PSWs	Bereavement and grief counselors
Music therapists	Students
Recreation therapists	Family and volunteer caregivers
Musicians	Music lovers
Spiritual care providers	Funeral care providers

Keynote Speakers and Performers:

Therese Schroeder-Sheker, Founder of the palliative medical modality of Music Thanatology and the Chalice of Repose Project.

Dr. Richard Kogan, MD, Weill Cornell Medical College, Artistic Director Music and Medicine Program

Workshops:

- Music Care in Grief
- Musical Improvisation in Care
- Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy
- Music and Preserving Self in Dementia Care
- Music Therapy and Individuals with Strokes and Acquired Brain Injury
- Music & Neurological Research With Children
- Music Performance Medicine
- Music Therapy and Autism

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Feel free to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Douse, MCC Administrator

Room 217 Foundation 905.852.2499 / www.room217.ca

For more information or to REGISTER NOW, click [here](#) or go to: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=wedapsdab&oeidk=a07e3us6uaga54fb15d>

Presented in partnership by: Room 217 Foundation, Laurier Centre for Music in the Community, Music Therapy Association of Ontario, University of Windsor School of Music, Baycrest Hospital.