

Pediatric End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

Purpose

Pediatric End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) is a national initiative to improve end-of-life (EOL) care. The curriculum has been developed to provide EOL education to healthcare providers, which translates into excellent care for pediatric patients and their families.

Objectives

Upon completion, participants should be able to:

- Describe the philosophy and principles of hospice and palliative care with a nursing model of care
- Identify the need for interdisciplinary team collaboration within a palliative care model
- Describe the role of the nurse when providing quality palliative care for children and families
- Recognize changes in society, healthcare economics, and service delivery that necessitate improved professional preparation for palliative care
- Discuss the unique aspects of suffering for children and families facing a life-threatening illness or event

Date

November 4 - 6, 2026

Audience

Advanced Practice Providers, Nurses, Social Workers, and other healthcare providers

Cost

\$300 per person, including HPNA Palliative Nursing Manuals, CEUs, and breakfast and lunch each day

Location

Passavant Hospital Foundation
Conference Center
700 Cumberland Woods Drive
Allison Park PA 15101

Accommodations

Fairfield by Marriott Inn & Suites
Pittsburgh North
901 Providence Boulevard
Pittsburgh PA 15237

Credit

In support of improving patient care, the University of Pittsburgh is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

Nursing (CNE):

The maximum number of hours awarded for this Continuing Nursing Education activity is 12.0 contact hours. Other healthcare professionals will receive a certificate of attendance confirming the number of contact hours commensurate with the extent of participation in this activity.

Topics Covered

- Pediatric palliative care
- Perinatal and neonatal palliative care
- Communication
- Ethics
- Cultural considerations
- Pain management
- Symptom management
- Care at time of death
- Grief, loss, and bereavement

Faculty

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Agenda

Wednesday, November 4

- 7:00** Registration and Breakfast
- 8:00** Welcome and Introductions
- 8:30** Module 2: Perinatal and Neonatal
Presenter: Kate Ramey
- 10:00** Break
- 10:15** Module 1: Introduction to Pediatric Palliative Care
Presenter: Kate Ramey
- 11:15** Module 3: Communication, Part I
Presenter: Carol May
- 12:15** Lunch
- 1:00** Module 3: Communication, Part II
Presenter: Carol May
- 2:00** CEAT
- 3:00** Break
- 3:15** Module 4: Ethics
Presenter: Kelly Mannion
- 4:45** Wrap Up and Q&A

Thursday, November 5

- 7:00** Continental Breakfast
- 8:00** Module 5: Cultural Considerations
Presenter: Nicole Hahnen
- 9:30** Break
- 9:45** Module 6: Pain Management
Presenter: Sonia Patel
- 11:45** Lunch
- 12:30** Yoga
- 1:00** Module 7: Symptom Management
Presenter: Carol May
- 3:00** Wrap Up
- Evening Event** Networking at local restaurant

Friday, November 6

- 7:00** Continental breakfast
- 8:00** Module 8: Care at Time of Death
Presenter: Gwen Laragione
- 9:30** Break
- 9:45** Module 9: Grief, Loss, and Bereavement
Presenter: Nicole Hahnen
- 11:45** Lunch and Case Review
- 12:45** Evaluations



Registration

To register for the Pediatric End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium, scan the QR code or go to _____.

Cancellations and Questions

All cancellations must be sent via email to Kate Ramey at blashfordkj@upmc.edu. Cancellations received before October 1, 2026, will be refunded in full. No refunds will be made after October 1, 2026.

For questions regarding the program or registration, please contact Carol May at Carol.may@chp.edu or Kate Ramey at blashfordkj@upmc.edu.

Division of Palliative Medicine & Supportive Care

The Division of Palliative Medicine & Supportive Care at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh offers palliative care to children with life-limiting illnesses and their families. By improving quality of life through the relief of suffering and the promotion of hope and dignity, families are empowered to make decisions regarding the optimal care for their child. Supportive Care can be provided along with other medical treatment so that quality of life and comfort are optimized during all stages of the illness.



End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)

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