

# EXPANDING THE CIRCLE OF HOPE

*A regional palliative care conference at Boston College*

Heights Room, Corcoran Commons

Friday, October 3, 2008

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Are you interested in applying palliative care practices across health care settings? Designed for nurses and other healthcare professionals, we are bringing together the perspectives of practitioners, educators and researchers into a day-long regional conference.

## CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identify critical issues and current challenges facing nurses and other health care professionals who deliver palliative care.
- 2 Describe evidence-based strategies in palliative care to help patients and families improve the quality of their lives.
- 3 Describe moral and ethical dilemmas in palliative care and discuss ways to address these issues in nursing and healthcare practice.

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:55 – 9:00 Welcome
- 9:00 – 9:30 An Advanced Practice Program in Palliative Care Nursing:  
HRSA Grant Update  
*Patricia Tabloski, PhD, GNP-BC*
- 9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Address: Dementia as a Terminal Diagnosis  
*Joan Teno, MD, MS*
- 10:30 – 10:45 Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 Confronting Futility: Taking a Stand for Palliative Care  
*John J. Paris, SJ*
- 11:45 – 12:30 Brown Bag Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 Grief and the Healing Arts  
*Sandra Bertman, PhD, FT*  
*Margaret Laccetti, PhD, RN, AOCN*
- 1:30 – 2:30 Women's Voices Women's Lives:  
The Voices of Women of Color and Palliative Care  
*Rosanna DeMarco, PhD, CNP-BC, ACRN; Malkia Kendricks, MSW*
- 2:30 – 2:45 Poster Session and Afternoon Break
- 2:45 – 3:45 Integrating Palliative Care Knowledge into Your Practice:  
Challenges, Opportunities and Possibilities  
*Sally Okun, RN, BSN, MMHS*
- 3:45 – 4:00 Closing & Evaluations

## PRESENTERS

### **Sandra L. Bertman, PhD, FT**

is a distinguished professor of thanatology and arts at the National Center for Death Education, Mount Ida College. Synthesizing visual and creative arts, literature, spiritual values, and cultural beliefs, Bertman's expertise is cultivating the therapeutic imaginations of clinicians in clinical and academic settings through illustrated lecture-presentations and workshops.

### **Rosanna DeMarco, PhD, CNS-BC, ACRN**

is an associate professor at the Connell School of Nursing at Boston College. Her research examines marginalization and health behaviors through partnerships with women who are living with HIV/AIDS. Outcomes of this work include a nurse led, peer-driven prevention education program in Boston for underserved women that is in its 10th year; co-production of the award-winning film *Women's Voices Women's Lives*; and a peer-led intervention program. DeMarco has sustained a 10-year history of funded research and has over 40 publications in scholarly journals and books that disseminate outcomes of her seminal work.

### **Malkia Kendricks, MSW**

is the executive director of the Women of Color AIDS Council, Inc., a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 by a group of devoted community women. She brings over twenty years experience within the counseling, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and mental health assessment fields. She is an innovative and visionary leader who has forged links with various organizations with comparable missions so that she can continue to provide the imperative services to women of color at high risk for HIV infection in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods of Boston.

### **Margaret Saul Laccetti, PhD, RN, AOCN**

is an oncology clinical nurse specialist with a strong practice interest in adults with breast, prostate and lymphatic cancers. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society and the International Psycho-Oncology Society. Her research interests include investigation and use of expressive writing and language use with selected groups of cancer patients; use of expressive writing with stage 4 breast cancer patients, and how choices of language (or words) reflect experiences with the disease; quality of life in cancer patients and families; the nursing needs of spouses of prostate cancer patients; intuition and nursing.

### **Sally Okun, RN, BSN, MMHS**

is a member of the Research and Development Team at PatientsLikeMe, Inc. in Cambridge, MA. Patients-LikeMe (PLM) is a social networking site where patients with life-changing illnesses can share information and learn from each other about their conditions, treatments and experiences. PLM is committed to providing a better, more effective way to capture valuable results and share them with patients, healthcare professionals, and industry organizations that are trying to treat and manage the disease. Okun brings over twenty years of experience working with patients and their loved ones to her work.

### **John J. Paris, SJ, PhD**

is the Michael P. Walsh Professor of Bioethics at Boston College. He is also clinical professor of family medicine and community health at Tufts Medical School. Paris has served as consultant to the President's Commission for the Study of Ethics in Medicine, the United States Senate Committee on Aging, and the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. He has published over 100 articles on the area of law, medicine, and ethics and has served as a consultant and expert witness in many of the landmark biomedical cases including Quinlan, Brophy, Jobes, Baby K and Gilgunn.

### **Patricia Tabloski, PhD, GNP-BC**

is associate dean of graduate programs at Boston College's Connell School of Nursing. She is an expert in gerontological nursing, with research in the area of sleep disturbances and non-pharmacologic nursing management of agitation in the elderly. Tabloski has served as a faculty mentor and scholar at the John A. Hartford Foundation, and as a visiting research fellow at the University of Leeds. She has lectured on gerontology in Hungary and China. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau and the American Geriatric Society, and is a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Joan M. Teno, MD, MS**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

***Dementia As A Terminal Diagnosis***

Joan M. Teno is a professor of community health and medicine and associate director of the center for gerontology and health care research at the Brown Medical School. Teno has devoted her career to understanding how to measure and improve the quality of end of life care for vulnerable populations. She has served on numerous advisory panels including the Institute of Medicine, World Health Organization and American Bar Association and as grant peer reviewer for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and has been the recipient of funding from the NIH and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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