

A Death in the Family: The Practical Realities of Caring for the Dead

PART 6 OF "MAKING THE JOURNEY EASIER: A SERIES FOR PROFESSIONALS ASSISTING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WITH END-OF-LIFE ISSUES"

Do you know...

1. *Whom and when the family should call after a death?*
2. *How to find information about funeral options and costs?*
3. *What the laws are concerning embalming and burial?*
4. *About recent developments in the care of the dead and their implications?*
5. *How to arrange organ or body donation?*
6. *Whether pre-paid funerals are a good idea?*

If you are not sure of the answers to the above questions, attend this training session!

Often when a loved one dies, families find that they are unprepared for the decisions they face regarding after-death care. When a death is unexpected, there is even more confusion. Knowing about the practical realities – the laws, common cultural expectations, local options, how to access information, and best practices for planning ahead – will help you counsel clients and families both before and after a death. The goal of this session is to improve end of life care by helping clients and families prepare themselves in advance of a death, and guiding them toward the information that they need after it occurs.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to describe the steps to take after a death in various settings.
Participants will understand what a death certificate is for and how it is generated.
Participants will understand basic laws relating to funeral and burial practices.
Participants will be able to describe several cultural approaches to care of the dead.
Participants will understand the processes concerning organ donation and donation of a body.
Participants will be able to understand traditional and more recent options in funeral, burial, and cremation practices and their implications for the environment and for the grieving family.
Participants will identify online sources of information about funeral practices and local options.
Participants will be able to identify resources for people with low income.
Participants will understand various options for planning ahead for after-death care.

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Executive Office Building, Auditorium, Lobby Level, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland

9:00-12:00

COURSE NUMBER: 24491

Speakers:

Barbara Blaylock, M.D.
Health Care Advocate and Educator

Stephen Lohrmann
Funeral Director and Owner,
Rapp Funeral and Cremation Services

Beth Knox
Founder of Crossings: Caring for Our Own At Death

CEUs: 3.0 Category: I

Holy Cross Hospital is co-sponsoring this session and providing MNA approved CEUs for nurses attending the program. This activity has been approved for 3.0 contact hours by the Maryland Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.