

Distinguishing Fact from Fiction: Understanding Palliative Care and Hospice

PART 4 OF "MAKING THE JOURNEY EASIER: A SERIES FOR PROFESSIONALS ASSISTING PATIENTS AND FAMILIES WITH END-OF-LIFE ISSUES"

Fact or Fiction?

- Once a patient begins hospice care, he/she cannot receive medical treatments.
- Hospice workers often use morphine as a way to hasten death in people who are suffering at the end-of-life.
- Both Medicare and Medicaid cover palliative care and hospice.
- Medicare will pay for palliative care in the hospital but not in private residences or nursing homes.

If you cannot answer the above questions with confidence, attend this training session!

Too many people live and die in pain because of misunderstandings about palliative care and hospice. The goal of this session is to improve quality of life for patients by enhancing understanding of palliative care and hospice—and how to access it for clients both in clinical and community settings.

Learning Objectives:

- Participants will be able to distinguish between palliative care and hospice.
- Participants will be able to list at least three common components of palliative care.
- Participants will be able to list three benefits of receiving palliative care and hospice.
- Participants will understand how to request/access palliative care for themselves or others in the hospital, nursing home and community.
- Participants will be able to locate palliative care doctors in Montgomery County.
- Participants will understand Medicare's hospice benefit.
- Participants will understand Maryland Medicaid's coverage of palliative care and hospice.
- Participants will understand how hospice and nursing home staff can work together to benefit patients.
- Participants will identify at least one online resource related to palliative care.

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Executive Office Building,

Auditorium, Lobby Level, 101 Monroe Street, Rockville, Maryland

1:00-4:00 p.m.

COURSE NUMBER: 241021

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attending the program. This activity has been approved for 2.75 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.