Welcome

Wednesday, July 8: Courageous Conversations for Enhanced Palliative Care

7:30  Registration
8:00  Opening and Welcome to the Institute – Dr. Casey Shillam, PhD, RN-BC
8:15  Communication in Serious Illness: Courageous Conversations to Elicit Goals of Care

Keynote Speaker

TONY BACK – MD
Anthony Back M.D., is professor at the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and codirects the UW Center for Excellence in Palliative Care with Randy Curtis. He studies patient-clinician communication and interventions to make clinicians more effective. He was the principal investigator for the Oncotalk interventions, wrote Mastering Communication with Seriously Ill Patients with Bob Arnold and James Tulsky, released the first iPhone app for clinician communication skills and is a 2013-2014 Contemplative Studies Fellow of the Mind and Life Institute.

9:15  Communication Demonstration – Bree Johnston, MD, MPH, FACP
Meg Jacobson, MD
9:30  Break
9:45  Small Group Practice
12:00 Lunch and Discussion – Topic: Creating a Palliative Culture
1:00  Skills for Understanding the Patient’s Perspective

Keynote Speaker

MEGAN COLE – MA
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1:45  Break
2:00  Breakout Group Session A

- **Realities of Advanced Medical Interventions, Part 1** – Koala (Maureen) Connelly, RN, CCRN (C114)
  
  Strategies for sharing risks and benefits of advanced medical interventions and the implications for patients’ abilities to make informed decisions.

- **Understanding Death with Dignity Legislation: A Necessity for the Palliative Care Provider, Part 1** – Frances DeRook, MD, FACC (Settlemyer Hall)
  
  Evidence and experience to date of Death with Dignity in Washington and Oregon.

- **Meeting People Where They Are: Taking Spiritual Assessment** – Tessie Mandeville, Reverend & Bobbi Virta, Reverend (C119)
  
  Key aspects, benefits and strategies for conducting a spiritual assessment.

- **POLST Skills Development** – Sharmon Figenshaw, ARNP, RN (C120)
  
  Purpose and use of POLST forms as compared with advanced directives and assisting patients and families with completion.

- **Tools for How to Hold Family Meetings** – Bree Johnston, MD, MPH, FACP (C115)
  
  Evidence and structured framework to support family meetings as a high value medical intervention.

3:00  Breakout Group Session B

- **Realities of Advanced Medical Interventions, Part 2** – Koala (Maureen) Connelly, RN, CCRN (C114)
  
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4:15  Closing – Casey Shillam, PhD, RN-BC
4:30  Social Hour (Bellingham Technical College: Café Culinaire)
Thursday, July 9: Acquiring Additional Core Competencies in Palliative Care

7:30  Registration
8:00  Welcome – Casey Shillam, PhD, RN-BC
8:15  Pharmaceutical and Advanced Approaches to Pain Management
      – Meg Jacobsen, MD and Shaun Sullivan, MD
9:00  Nausea/Vomiting/Anorexia – Bree Johnston, MD, MPH, FACP
9:45  Break
10:00 Mindfulness in the Management of Pain – Nancy Welch, MS, PC
10:45 Cannabis and Psychedelics – Leanna Standish, PhD, ND, LAC, FABNO
11:30 Lunch
12:30 Community-based Palliative Care:
      Trends, Challenges, Examples and Collaboration with Payers

Keynote Speaker

ERIC WALL – MD, MPH
Dr. Eric Wall is the Pacific Northwest Medical Director for United Healthcare overseeing quality and affordability initiatives in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Dr. Wall is a board-certified family physician with 35 years of practice experience. He was formerly the Senior Medical Director for Qualis Health and before that, the Vice-President for Medical Affairs at Lifewise Health Plan of Oregon.

Dr. Wall graduated from the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and completed his family medicine residency at the University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital. He then pursued a Masters of Public Health at the University of Washington after which he became the Director of Research in a community-based family medicine residency in California. Dr. Wall was the first Director of Research at the Department of Family Medicine at the Oregon Health and Sciences University holding appointments in Public Health and Nursing. He has published on wide ranging subjects ranging from Women’s Health to Clinical Practice Guidelines.

Relevant to his presentation, Dr. Wall served as a medical director for a freestanding hospice facility in Portland, Oregon and published his experience in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Wall lives and works in Seattle, Washington.
1:30 CAM Modalities Panel - facilitated by Marie Eaton, PhD

- **Acupuncture** – Robyn Curtis, LAC
- **Biofeedback** – John Jordy, LMHC
- **Massage** – Ashley Benem, LMP
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4:15 **Building Useful & Productive Partnerships** – Eric Wall, MD, MPH
- facilitator: Geof Morgan, PhD

5:30 **Closing** – Casey Shillam, PhD, RN-BC
Thursday, July 9: Megan Cole Performance

7:30  Storytime for Grownups, Turning Points

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Friday, July 10: Community Conversations to Enhance Palliative Care

8:00  Registration and Light Refreshments
8:30  Gallery Walk
9:00  Welcome – Casey Shillam, PhD, RN-BC
9:15  What Are We Doing to Heal Without Cure? Blended Conversations
     – Facilitators:
     Hope Corbin, PhD
     Devyani Chandran, PhD
     Geof Morgan, PhD
     Nancy Poulin, RN, BSN
10:30 Break
10:45 Reconvene and Continue the Circle
12:15 Closing Reflections
12:30 Adjourn
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