# Mayo Clinic Updates in Pediatric Palliative Care 2024
**Fairmont Olympic Hotel**  
**Seattle, Washington**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 (PDT)**  
**Optional Add-on - $495.00 Ped’s Only on May 1 or $375.00 with purchase of General Session**

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| 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast  
Meet the Professors (Live only) |                                                            |          |
| 7:45 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions | |          |
| 8:00 a.m. | Assessment and Management of Pain in Children with Significant Neurologic Impairment  
*Lezlie Andersen, M.D.* | | • Review clinical guidelines of pain assessment in neurologically impaired children.  
• Describe the unique aspects of managing pain in children with neurologic impairments. |
| 8:30 a.m. | Management of Chemotherapy-Induced Nausea & Vomiting in Children  
*Megan Thorvilson, M.D., MDiv* | | • Consider a stepwise approach for management of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in children.  
• Describe a clinical rationale for selecting antiemetic agents in children. |
| 9:00 a.m. | Pediatric Palliative Care Pharmaceutical Updates  
*Christopher Collura, M.D., MA* | | • Identify new medication(s) or breaking evidence that have had the greatest impact on the pediatric palliative care practice in recent years.  
• Identify recent pharmaceutical agents across the care continuum that may benefit the holistic care considerations for the pediatric palliative care provider. |
| 9:30 a.m. | Beyond the Pain Ladder: Indications for Methadone, Ketamine, and Duloxetine  
*Lezlie Andersen, M.D.* | | • Consider the safety of these drugs safe in infants and children?  
• Describe the absolute and relative contraindications to prescribing these medications in children.  
• What are counseling considerations with parents when starting these medications. |
| 10:00 a.m. | Break | |          |
| 10:30 a.m. | Screening for Psychosocial Distress in Children and Adolescents with Cancer  
*Sarah McCarthy, Ph.D., MPH LP* | | • Describe how psychosocial distress presents in different developmental stages.  
• Identify clinical tools useful for screening for psychosocial distress that have been validated in this population. |
| 11:00 a.m. | Supportive Care for Patients and Parents of Children with Complex Chronic Conditions  
*Jori Bogetz, M.D.* | | • Review the care trajectory for children with complex chronic conditions and psychosocial challenges for their families.  
• Define palliative care needs for children with complex chronic conditions and their families. |
| 11:30 a.m. | The Role of Pediatric Palliative Care in Grief and Bereavement Support  
*Carolyn Mueller, LISW MSW, Aubrey J. Manahan, R.N., CHPPN* | | • Explore ways that a pediatric palliative care program can approach grief and bereavement.  
• Discuss coordination of grief and bereavement efforts with hospice bereavement teams. |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch Break | |          |
| 12:30 p.m. | Keynote: Pediatric Palliative Care State of the Field  
*Jeff Klick, M.D.* | | • Review the history of pediatric palliative care from early program development to evolution of training programs to current state.  
• Discuss the current prevalence and availability of pediatric palliative care nationwide.  
• Consider shifting priorities for the field of pediatric palliative care and the impact on the next generation of providers’ education, training, and clinical practice. |
| 1:15 p.m. | Break | |          |
| 1:30 p.m. | Navigating Potentially Non-Beneficial Treatment in Children with Life-Limiting Illness  
*Robert MacAuley, M.D.* | | • What are some important pitfalls to avoid when discussing potentially non-beneficial care with parents? |
<p>| Time          | Session                                                                 | Speaker(s)                                                                 | Topics                                                                                           |
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| 2:00 p.m.    | What is the Value Proposition for Pediatric Palliative Care?             | Lindsay Ragsdale, M.D.                                                                                                             |
|              | Outline approaches that are most likely to foster a therapeutically      | - Define and explore value as it pertains to pediatric palliative care.                                                          |
|              | successful interaction with parents and pediatric patients.             | - Compare and contrast cost effective, cost savings and cost avoidance.                                                             |
|              |                                                                          | - Consider strategies to approach interdisciplinary program growth with institutional leadership.                                   |
| 2:30 p.m.    | Outpatient Integration of Pediatric Palliative Care in Oncology         | Melissa Smith, APRN CNP MS, Aubrey J. Manahan, R.N., CHPPN                                                                         |
|              | Explore potential benefits for integration of pediatric palliative care | - Describe the current state of pediatric palliative oncology care.                                                                 |
|              |                                                                          | - Consider strategies to approach interdisciplinary program growth with institutional leadership.                                   |
| 3:00 p.m.    | Break                                                                   |                                                                                                                                  |
| 3:15 p.m.    | The Role of Perinatal Palliative Care in Maternal Fetal Care            | Christopher Collura, M.D., MA                                                                                                     |
|              | Describe the role of perinatal/pediatric palliative care in maternal   | - Describe the role of perinatal/pediatric palliative care in maternal fetal care centers.                                        |
|              | fetal care centers.                                                     | - Identify patient populations that would most benefit from involvement of perinatal/pediatric palliative care.                   |
| 3:30 p.m.    | Adolescent Medical Decision-Making                                       | Robert Macauley, M.D.                                                                                                              |
|              | Consider ethical challenges in medical decision-making and assent       | - Consider ethical challenges in medical decision-making and assent when caring for adolescents with serious illness.             |
|              | when caring for adolescents with serious illness.                      | - Describe strategies to consider prognostic disclosure when parents request withholding of information from their adolescent child.|
| 3:45 p.m.    | Palliative Sedation in the Pediatric Patient                             | Megan Thorvilson, M.D., MDiv                                                                                                       |
|              | Consider ethical challenges to consider when proposing palliative       | - Consider ethical challenges to consider when proposing palliative sedation in pediatric patients.                                |
|              | sedation in pediatric patients.                                         | - Review drug selection and management approaches in palliative sedation.                                                          |
| 4:00 p.m.    | Medical Cannabinoids in Children and Adolescents                        | Christopher Collura, M.D., MA                                                                                                     |
|              | Describe the evidence-based indications for medical cannabinoids in      | - Describe the evidence-based indications for medical cannabinoids in children and adolescents.                                   |
|              | children and adolescents.                                               | - Outline the potential benefits and known risks of medical cannabinoids in children and adolescents.                             |
| 4:15 p.m.    | Wrap-Up                                                                 |                                                                                                                                  |
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| 7:00 a.m.| Buprenorphine Basics for Pain in Geriatrics and Palliative Care  
*Katie Fitzgerald Jones, MSN, APN, Ph.D.* |                                                 | - Describe the history and basic pharmacology of buprenorphine.  
- Differentiate between buprenorphine formulations FDA approved for pain vs. addiction.  
- In which ways is buprenorphine safer than full opioid agonists?  
- How do you overcome insurance barriers in prescribing buprenorphine pain products? |
| 7:30 a.m.| Intervventional Pain Procedures – When to Refer Patients with Serious Illness  
*Susan M. Moeschler, M.D.* |                                                 | - Are interventional procedures really an option for palliative patients?  
- Who is the ideal palliative patient for interventional pain procedures?  
- When should I think about referring to a pain interventionalist? (Early? Late?)  
- What do you wish palliative clinicians knew or did differently around pain interventions of any kind? |
| 8:00 a.m.| Neuropathic Pain – Beyond Gabapentinoids and Duloxetine  
*Dare O. Olatoye, M.D.* |                                                 | - What drugs should I consider when first line agents fail?  
- What are some tips for when and how to prescribe tricyclics for neuropathic pain?  
- Are there procedures for neuropathic pain that work (scrambler? Nerve stimulator?) |
| 8:30 a.m.| Worries About Anxiety in Palliative Care  
*Jason Webb, M.D.* |                                                 | - When is worry normal and when does it need to be treated in palliative care patients? Aren’t all patients with a serious illness worried?  
- When is pharmacologic treatment of anxiety indicated?  
- What screening methods work for anxiety in patients with serious illness?  
- When is it reasonable to use benzodiazepines in palliative care for anxiety? And when not?  
- Is Buspirone ever helpful? What about hydroxyzine? |
| 9:00 a.m.| Break                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 9:15 a.m.| Cases in Refractory Symptoms – What to Do When the Usual Meds Don’t Work  
*Sara E. Wordingham, M.D.* |                                                 | - What are the pathophysiologic causes of dyspnea (e.g., muscle weakness, lung parenchymal disease, airway disease, catabolic drive etc.)?  
- What is total dyspnea?  
- Which non-pharmacologic interventions have evidence basis to support their use for dyspnea?  
- Is pulmonary rehabilitation effective in the HPM population?  
- How should opioids be used to manage dyspnea (getting at the concept that low dose opioids are effective and safe but that increasing beyond 30 OME is neither effective nor safe)? |
| 9:45 a.m.| Niche Anti-Emetics: Uncommon Anti-Emetics for Unique Situations – Expanding Your Nausea Toolkit  
*Megan Braneland, M.D.* |                                                 | - When might you consider using the granisetron patch for nausea?  
- When is promethazine the ideal antiemetic?  
- What antiemetics should I think about in patients with very prolonged QTc?  
- What is the role of NK-1 inhibitors? Is there any role outside of chemo? |
| 10:15 a.m.| Contemplative Medicine --- Good for You, Good for Me.  
*Deirdre R. Pachman, M.D.* |                                                 | - What is contemplative medicine?  
- How do I apply principles of contemplative medicine to my daily clinical practice?  
- How does contemplative medicine help me find meaning in my daily work? |
| 10:45 a.m.| Break                                        |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11:00 a.m.| Controversies in Advance Care Planning. Can We Just Stop Doing ACP Now?  
*Molly A. Feely, M.D.* |                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
**Is advance care planning effective or not?**

- If not, can I stop talking to patients about advance care planning?

| 11:30 a.m. | Tips for Negotiating Goals of Care When the Patient Lacks Capacity  
*Megan J. Thorvilson, M.D.*  
- What are some strategies for negotiating GOC with surrogates?  
- What do I do when surrogates still want the patient to decide when I know the patient lacks capacity?  
- How do I manage a situation where the surrogate heard the patient say something out of context when the patient lacks capacity?  
- Which GOC decisions require only minimal decisional capacity? |

| 12:00 p.m. | Waiting for a Miracle.... The Family Who Wants Everything Done  
*Christopher A. Collura, M.D.*  
- How do I respond to a family that says, “Do everything?”  
- What are strategies for negotiating with family who request care that is highly unlikely to be beneficial?  
- How do I construct an effective time limited trial?  
- Why do some patients/families persist with unrealistic expectations/GOC? |

| 12:30 p.m. | Adjourn |

**WORKSHOPS**  
(Optional add-on $250.00)

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE – Utilizing the IDT Creatively and Fully to Maximize Program Reach:**  
*How to Re-Imagine Nursing, Social Work and Chaplain Roles*  
1:30- 4:45 p.m. (include 15m break)  
*Hillary K. Hicks R.N., CHPN, Randi L. Beyerl R.N., CHPN, Casey L. Smith LICSW, Abraham Labrada Santiago MDiv, BCC*  
- What are RN roles that many people don’t capitalize on?  
- What are SW roles that many people don’t capitalize on?  
- What are chaplain roles that many people don’t capitalize on?  
- What are practical ways other programs can empower their IDT members?  

**Palliative Care KSA**  
(Optional add-on on $250.00)  
1:00- 5:00 p.m.  
*Frank (Andy) A. Bock, D.O.*  
*John M. Wilkinson, M.D.*
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<td>Nuts &amp; Bolts of Methadone Prescribing: Practical Tips in the Outpatient Management of Methadone</td>
<td>Mashele M. Huschka, APRN, C.N.P., D.N.P.</td>
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<td>Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Ketamine for Pain Management</td>
<td>Jacob J. Strand, M.D.</td>
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<td>The Poop on Treating Diarrhea in Palliative Care</td>
<td>Teresa J. Goddard, P.A.-C</td>
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| 11:30 a.m. | Practical Tips for Assessing Hospice Eligibility                              | Suzanne S. Bundrick, APRN, C.N.P., M.S.N.      | -                                               | • How do I know if a patient is hospice eligible or not? Aren’t there some published criteria somewhere?  
• What if my patient doesn’t fit the criteria perfectly but I still think they have a life expectancy less than 6 months?  
• What are general markers of life expectancy less than 6 months? |
| 12:00 p.m. | Tips for Effective Palliative Care in the Nursing Home When You DON’T Have a Dedicated SNF Palliative Team – A Case-Based Adventure | Natalie F. Mohammad, APRN, C.N.P              | -                                               | • How can I use neuroleptics for symptom management (e.g. nausea) in the setting of SNF regulations around these medications?  
• What are tips and tricks to achieve good symptom control in under sourced SNF settings (e.g. prn vs scheduled meds, patches vs pills, etc)?  
• How can I address the demoralization in patients who want to go home but are not able?  
• How can I create an “IDT-like team” in the SNF?  
• Why do so many of my patients from the SNF lack advance care planning and how can we do better? |
| 12:30 p.m. | Adjourn                                                                        | -                                               | -                                               | -                                                                        |

**What Conditions Should Palliative Clinicians be Prescribing Buprenorphine for (Addiction? Pain? I can’t tell which it is?)**
1:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.
(Optional add-on $250.00)

Katie Fitzgerald Jones, MSN, APRN, Ph.D., Zachary S. Sager, M.D., Laura S. Rhee, D.O.

• What are the nuances of prescribing buprenorphine?  
• What do I do when my stable buprenorphine patient gets admitted with pain crisis?  
• How do I set up my clinic to manage patients on buprenorphine?  
• How do I partner with addiction medicine? Or do I?
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| 6:55 a.m. | Welcome |
| 7:00 a.m. | Case Based Conundrums in Palliative Care Ethics  
*Megan Brandeland, M.D.*  
- 3-5 cases that illustrate ethical dilemmas common or specific to palliative care that you wish all palliative clinicians understood better.  
- Potential examples might include but are not limited to, requests to withdraw life-sustaining measures after suicide attempt, decision making for patients who are unrepresented, the futility of the concept of futility etc. |
| 7:30 a.m. | Case Based Conundrums in Hepatology Palliative Care  
*Wil Santivasi, M.D.*  
- 3-5 cases that illustrate palliative principles specific to hepatology that you wish all palliative clinicians understood better.  
- Potential examples might include, but are not limited to, prognosticating in decompensated cirrhosis, management of hepatic encephalopathy at the EOL, and evidence-based risks for indwelling PleurX catheters etc. |
| 8:00 a.m. | Case Based Conundrums in Neuro Palliative Care  
*Claudia Z. Chou, M.D.*  
- 3-5 cases that illustrate palliative principles specific to neuro palliative care that you wish all palliative clinicians understood better.  
- Potential examples might include, but are not limited to, modern prognostication of anoxic brain injury, seizure management in hospice patients, and which patients with stroke might improve to independence etc? |
| 8:30 a.m. | Case Based Conundrums in Geriatric Palliative Care  
*Gregory J. Hanson, M.D.*  
- 3-5 cases that illustrate palliative principles specific to geriatrics that you wish all palliative clinicians understood better.  
- Potential examples might include but are not limited to; why recognizing frailty phenotype is important to HP, and what do palliative clinicians need to know about meds for dementia (deprescribing tips, etc.)? |
| 9:00 a.m. | Break |
| 9:15 a.m. | Addiction in Patients with Serious Illness  
*Zachary S. Sager, M.D.*  
- I thought we didn’t have to worry about addiction in patients with serious illness. What is the risk of developing or re-developing addiction in this population?  
- How do I talk to my palliative patient that I think might be developing a substance use disorder?  
- What are treatment options for SUD in patient who are too ill to attend traditional inpatient or intensive outpatient treatment programs?  
- How do I engage my addiction colleagues in helping manage non-traditional patients with SUD? |
| 9:45 a.m. | Health Disparities: A Toolkit for Clinicians  
*Rahma Warsame, M.D.*  
- Appreciate larger system sources of health disparities (see previous talk for details).  
- Name three changes you can make in your own approach to patients that can help alleviate some health disparities for your practice.  
- Name three changes your practice can make that can help alleviate health disparities for your practice? |
| 10:15 a.m. | Creating Holding Space in Ambulatory Palliative Care: Supporting Coping and Sitting with Prognostic Uncertainty  
*Jason Webb, M.D.*  
- What is resiliency training?  
- What is dignity therapy?  
- How do they support adaptive coping?  
- How can I get them at my work? |
| 10:45 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. | Home Palliative Care  
*Gregory J. Hanson, M.D.*  
- When should I consider referring my patient to home palliative care? |
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| 11:30 a.m. | The Future of Integrated Palliative & Cancer Care | Wil Santivasi, M.D. | - What is early integrated palliative care (EIPC), why consider it and how does it differ in solid organ tumor and hematologic malignancies?  
- How have targeted therapies changed early integration of palliative care and co-management?  
- Is there an ideal integrated practice model?  
- What are the pitfalls (need to comment on nationwide FTE shortage)? |
| 12:00 p.m. | Grief for Clinicians Who Are Not Mental Health Trained: How Can I Help My Patients & Their Survivors? | Jill Lovell, LICSW | - How do I recognize grief vs depression?  
- How do I recognize complicated grief?  
- What should I do about grief and complicated grief? |
| 12:30 p.m. | Adjourn                                                                        |                    |                                                                       |