

8:15–10 am

Plenary Session

Defining Hope: What Makes Life Worth Living (102)



Carolyn Jones, Award-winning photographer and filmmaker.

Objectives

- Provide an outsider-looking-in perspective, and show what patients and families experience when receiving care.
- Remind healthcare professionals why it's critical to have in-depth conversations with patients and families that cover all of the choices they will need to make when faced with a life-threatening illness.
- Explore the general public's misconceptions about end-of-life care and hospice, and consider how, as a healthcare professional, you have an opportunity to dispel people's fears.

In this session, filmmaker and ethnographer Carolyn Jones will bring an outsider-looking-in perspective, describing her journey into the world of healthcare as a journalist, a patient, and a family member. Having collected countless stories for her book and documentary film projects, Jones exposes some of the public's biggest misconceptions about hospice and palliative care, and examines what it's like to be on the receiving end of that care. Jones will share clips from *Defining Hope*, her latest film, which follows patients with life-threatening illness as they make choices about how they want to live, how much medical technology they can accept, what they hope for and how that hope evolves when life is threatened. It is about optimism and reminds us that we have choices in how we die.

In this session, among other stories, Jones will also delve into her own personal experience with loss, which took place unexpectedly in the midst of filming *Defining Hope*. Empowered with the knowledge and tools from years of interviewing healthcare professionals about end-of-life choices, she was able to navigate the impossible decisions she and her family were forced to make. Her goal is to jumpstart critical conversations and help people define what truly makes life worth living.

10:45–11:45 am

Concurrent Sessions

Advancing Legal and Medical Collaboration in Advance Care Planning (FR411)



Amy Berman, LHD RN FAAN, John A. Hartford Foundation, New York, NY. David Godfrey, JD, American

Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, Washington DC. Sarah Hooper, JD, UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy, San Francisco, CA. Rebecca L. Sudore, MD, University of California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

Objectives

- Describe the barriers to collaborating and communicating people's medical wishes between the medical and legal professions,
- Evaluate solutions to medical-legal collaboration concerning advance care planning,
- Describe the new advance care planning guide for lawyers, and
- Employ three or more tools to improve communication between lawyers and health care providers on advance care planning.

While health systems are increasingly engaged in advance care planning, patients are still more likely to complete formal planning with lawyers than with medical or other professionals. Yet the medical and legal professions view advance care planning through different lenses and without much interprofessional dialogue. Opportunities to improve the quality and efficacy of ACP practice are too often missed. To address this gap, a diverse group of organizations, lawyers and healthcare professionals helped to identify the most common barriers to effectively communicating individuals' medical wishes among medical providers, lawyers, and healthcare systems. Working groups helped to determine solutions culminating in a new guide for lawyers called "Advance Directives: Counseling Guide for Lawyers," by the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging. The guide provides detailed information on how to bridge the chasm between lawyers and doctors. This session will discuss the development of this toolkit and best practices in collaborating across the medical and legal fields to ensure patients' advance care planning wishes are honored. This was a collaborative project funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation that included the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the University of California, San Francisco Medical School and the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science & Health Policy.

Palliative Care and ACOs: Making the Case for a Match Made in Heaven (FR412)



Allison Silvers, MBA BA, Center to Advance Palliative Care, New York, NY. Robert Saunders, PhD, Duke University, Durham, NC. Laura Patel, MD, Transitions LifeCare, Raleigh, NC.

Objectives

- Describe at least 3 priorities of accountable care organizations (ACOs) in the US, and how they might differ by type of organization.