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Objectives

- Discuss 3 pearls related to general pharmacology principles for pediatric patients.
- Discuss 3 pearls related to end of life symptom management for pediatric patients.
- Discuss 3 pearls related to newly approved medications that are pertinent to pediatric conditions.

This session will utilize the popular “Speed Dating with the Pharmacy Ladies” format to provide content most relevant to pediatric palliative care. Pediatric Palliative Care is a diverse specialty with a wide range of care settings and nearly infinite number of unique diagnoses and care plans. Using the rapid fire, high yield approach, we aim to cover a range of topics which will include something for everyone.

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1. Discuss 3 pearls related to general pharmacology principles for pediatric patients. Recognizing that hospice care for children is often provided by those primarily trained to care for adults, we provide some basic guidance and med management tips for treating kids.
2. Discuss 3 pearls related to end of life symptom management for pediatric patients. This session will present the latest tips and tricks for choosing and administering comfort medications ranging from tips on getting kids to swallow pills to logistics of home ketamine infusions.
3. Discuss 3 pearls related to newly approved medications that are pertinent to pediatric conditions. The concurrent care model is the norm in pediatric palliative care, therefore palliative care providers must have a broad knowledge of disease directed therapies patients are receiving.

iGrieve: Virtual Bereavement on Social Media (SA523)



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Objectives

- Define thanatechnology and assess current research on virtual memorials.
- Evaluate examples of social media memorials and formulate about the effects of emotional rubbernecking.
- Interpret how thanatechnology can effect patients and what role providers should play in it.

Bereavement refers to the phase of mourning and grief following the death of a beloved person. Mourning is the term used to portray the public formalities or symbols of bereavement, such as holding funeral

services or wearing black clothing. In the past, mourning was most commonly experienced in isolation. Due to the growing nature of digital bereavement, “grief shared is grief relieved” tends to be a more commonly held belief today. Thanatechnology, was coined by researcher Carla Sofka to describe the way people use the Internet to display their feelings of grief when a loved one has died. Similar to how people use Facebook to commemorate life events, people also use Facebook to virtual memorialize those who have died. Unlike traditional memorials, online memorial’s format allows 24 hour access, limitless room to add more context and the ability to be seen by anyone.

Due to the public nature of Facebook communication, a unique subgroup of people who did not personally know the deceased or ‘emotional rubbernecker’s’, can find virtual memorial groups and observe people grieve the loss of their friend or family member. Rubbernecking seems to be a way by which people who did not know the deceased cope with a death that affected them in some way.

The presenters will review current literature on thanatechnology and share examples of individuals who have been memorialized on social media. A discussion will be lead on the pros and cons of this new form of grieving highlighting how it may effect patients and what role palliative care / hospice providers should play in it.

Current Evidence in Palliative Care: A Systematic Review in Support of the National Consensus Project’s Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 4th edition (NCP Guidelines) (SA524)



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Objectives

- Characterize the care domains and topics in which strong or moderate evidence of palliative care impact exists.
- Understand the current gaps in the palliative care research base.
- Describe how the systematic review of palliative care research informs the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 4th edition.