Palliative Care Ongoing Conferences

HPM Lecture Series-
Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 PM
VA/GRECC Conference Room
F206 or UH South F7898

Supportive Care Conferences-
Case Discussions on the first
Wednesday of every month
8:00-9:00 AM UH Cafeteria
Rooms A & B

Palliative Care Research Conferences-
4:00-5:00 PM
VA/GRECC Conference Room F206
• September 28, 2017
• November 30, 2017
• December 28, 2017
• March 22, 2018
• May 24, 2018
• June 28, 2018

For conference details, visit: https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/geriatric-palliative-medicine

UM Work in Brazil and Ghana

Members of the Palliative Care Program have been working with universities in Brazil and Ghana to improve access to palliative care.

Since 2016, the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine has welcomed internal medicine residents from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil to spend one month in Ann Arbor to learn basic concepts of palliative medicine. Six USP residents have taken advantage of the program. The clinical observership includes time at the Ann Arbor VAMC, Michigan Medicine and Arbor Hospice. Brazilian residents follow the palliative care teams at each site to observe interactions with patients and families. “Palliative care is almost non-existent in Brazil, and this exchange allows us to help grow the field in the largest country in South America,” said Marcos Montagnini, MD, UM’s Co-Associate Director of Education Programs in Palliative Care, a native of Brazil.

Since 2006, the Department of Family Medicine has conducted an academic exchange with the Ghana College of Physicians and Surgeons. In March of this year, Phil Rodgers, MD, UM’s Co-Director of Clinical Programs in Palliative Care, returned to Ghana for a follow-up to his 2011 visit, during which he helped kick-off development of palliative care clinical, educational and research programs within the College’s Department of Family Medicine.
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UM Faculty and Trainees Shine on National Stage

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2017-2018 HPM Fellowship Matches!

Please join us in welcoming our 2017-18 Hospice and Palliative Medicine (HPM) Fellows! Starting July 1, 2017, we will have 3 traditional HPM fellows, and 1 dedicated Pediatric HPM fellow.

Jane Charget, MD, received her medical degree in 2013 from Rush University in Chicago. Prior to this, she was an ICU nurse. She completed her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Michigan in 2016, and practiced family medicine for one year before starting the HPM fellowship. Dr. Charget’s special interests include palliative medicine, primary care, women’s health and family medicine.

Ross Cleveland, MD, received his medical degree from McGovern Medical School in 2014. He completed his residency in Pediatrics at the University of Vermont Medical Center in 2017. After completing his palliative care training he will be pursuing a child abuse pediatrics fellowship. His interests include medical ethics, perinatal palliative care, and palliative care for at-risk populations.

Vani Pinnameneni, MD, received her medical degree from the MSU’s College of Human Medicine in 2013. She completed her Internal Medicine/Pediatrics residency in 2017 in Grand Rapids where she served as a chief resident in her fourth year. Dr. Pinnameneni’s interests include psychosocial care, transitions in care, cross cultural differences, preventive medicine, and graduate medical education.

Mazie Tsang, MD, graduated from the University of Hawaii Burns School of Medicine in 2014 and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Her interests include physician burnout, Hematology/Oncology, and “total pain.”
Palliative Care Research Funding Available

We are pleased to announce the annual launch of the “Pilot and Exploratory Projects in Palliative Care” competition. As much as $40,000 is available to fund pilot research by UM faculty relating to palliative care. Applications are due September 1, 2017. The announcement and application can be accessed at: umms.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#competitionDetail/1760884

Local Learning Opportunities

Michigan Medicine is pleased to offer two learning opportunities related to palliative care.

In collaboration with the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Medical Center, Michigan Medicine will host its Annual Geriatrics CME program. This year the program is entitled “Clinical Issues in the Care of Older Adults: Palliative Care,” and will be held on September 28, 2017 at the Kensington Hotel (3500 S. State Street, Ann Arbor). The conference will include presentations from local and invited palliative care experts about: communication, pain management, clinician burnout, grief, and interdisciplinary teams. This conference is open to physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, social workers, chaplains and other clinicians. For further info, please see medicine.umich.edu/intmed.

Michigan Medicine will also be hosting “The Power of Palliative and End-of-Life Care” on October 16 & 17 from 7:30am to 4pm at the School of Nursing Conference Center (426 N. Ingalls, Ann Arbor). This conference is open to all clinical disciplines, especially nurses. Topics include: palliative nursing care, symptom management, comfort order sets, ethical decision making, resiliency, grief, and communication. The cost to attend the conference is $50. Organizers are looking for contributions of posters related to palliative and end of life care for viewing during the conference. For further info, please contact Deb Price at debprice@med.umich.edu.

Staff Additions & Subtractions

At the end of June, the Palliative Care Team bid farewell to Janice Firn, LMSW, PhD, as she transitioned to a full time position in Clinical Ethics at Michigan Medicine. Janice was instrumental in helping the palliative care program grow and develop and we wish her success in her new adventure!

Matt Kaiser, NP, joined the Adult Palliative Care Consult Service on March 20th. Matt is a native Ann Arborite who has experience in psychiatric and intensive care. He graduated from MSU with his Masters in Nursing 2016 prior to joining our team. Welcome Matt!

Sara Licatak CSW, will be joining the Adult Palliative Care Consult Service as of July 17. Sara received her BSW from Indiana University and her MSW from the University of Michigan. She worked on 8D prior to joining our team. Welcome Sara!

Laura Taylor, MD, joined the faculty in the Palliative Care Program after completing her fellowship in palliative care at the University of Michigan this June. Laura is boarded in medicine and pediatrics. She has a passion for teaching and patient care. Welcome Laura!
Clinic Sites:

**Palliative and Supportive Care Clinic**
**East Ann Arbor Health Center**
734-764-6831
4260 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, MI
ALL DIAGNOSES

**Palliative and Supportive Care Clinic**
**Frankel Cardiovascular Center**
888-287-1082
Ann Arbor, MI
LVAD & HEART FAILURE ONLY

**Palliative and Supportive Care Clinic**
**Livonia Center for Specialty Care**
248-473-4300
20321 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI
ALL DIAGNOSES

**Symptom Management and Supportive Care Clinic**
**UMHS Cancer Center**
734-232-6366 or 877-907-0859
Med Inn, Ann Arbor, MI
CANCER ONLY

**Palliative and Supportive Care Clinic**
**Chelsea Family Medicine & Specialty Center**
734-475-1321
14700 E. Old US 12, Chelsea, MI
ALL DIAGNOSES

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