

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Session 1A

***Goals of Care Conversation**

*One and a half (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.

Speakers:

Lori Ann Attivissimo, MD, FACP, FAAHPM, HMDC, Medical Director, Hospice Care Network & Home Care Network Northwell Health, Assistant Professor, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell

M. Isabel Friedman, DNP, MPA, RN, BC, CCRN, CNN, CHSE, Director, Clinical Initiatives, Northwell Health Evidence-Based Clinical Practice

Purpose:

Clinicians are not comfortable initiating conversations with patients with advance illness regarding goals of care. The purpose of this session is to provide healthcare professionals the information needed to enhance their knowledge and improve their comfort level when engaging patients and their families in having goals of care conversations.

Objectives:

1. Increase practitioner knowledge by discussing available tools that facilitate goals of care conversations
2. Increase the practitioner's level of confidence engaging patients and their families in meaningful goals of care conversations by discussing elements of a successful goals of care conversation
3. Practitioners discuss challenges and opportunities gleaned from the simulations

Speaker's Bios:

Lori Ann Attivissimo, MD serves as Hospice Care Network's senior medical director, overseeing the medical services for patients across Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Hospice Care Network serves an average of 520 end-of-life patients daily. Dr. Attivissimo has devoted her career to improving hospice and palliative care. Through a grant received in 2011 Dr. Attivissimo helped create the Miracle Foundation Home-Based Palliative Care Center, serving as senior medical director. The center has focused on quality-improvement initiatives including home-based pilot projects on congestive heart failure and oncology. She has developed several pilot projects that have improved the patient experience and are integral to establishing the structure and transition of care for these patients.

Dr. Attivissimo also serves as Northwell Health's medical director for home care network and is Co-Chair of Northwell Health's Advanced Illness Collaborative. As Co-Chair, she assisted in the development of the Goals of Care Conversation Education Program (GoCCEP) seeking to provide structured guidance to increase the practitioner's level of confidence engaging patients and their families in meaningful goals of care conversations. Dr. Attivissimo is a member of the inaugural class of Northwell's high potential program. She is also a faculty member for the Palliative Care Learning Center with Center to Advance Palliative Care.

Dr. Attivissimo is an active participant and presenter in the Hospice and Palliative Care arena. She is a member of the Molloy Palliative Care Conference Planning Committee, actively involved in further education and training in end of life care. Dr. Attivissimo is an assistant professor at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. She is also a member of the Hospice & Palliative Care Association of NY State Legislative/Regulatory Subcommittee as well as the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Public Policy Committee.

Dr. Attivissimo is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She is also board certified in Internal Medicine, Medical Oncology and Hematology, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and Hospice Medical Director.

M. Isabel Friedman, DNP, MPA, RN, BC, CCRN, CNN, CHSE, Director of Clinical Initiatives, Department of Clinical Transformation, Northwell Health

Dr. Friedman currently serves as the Director of Clinical Initiatives for the Department of Clinical Transformation at Northwell Health. In that capacity Dr. Friedman manages several strategic initiatives. Those programs include Sepsis, Advanced Illness and Dysphasia to name a few. As one of the co-chairs of the Advanced Illness collaborative for Northwell Health Dr. Friedman is responsible for managing the Goals of Care Conversation Education Program[®]. This multimodal educational program is used to increase clinician comfort when discussing goals of care planning with patients and their families.

Dr. Friedman currently holds the academic rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio and an appointment as Assistant Professor of Science Education at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.

Dr. Friedman has many national and international peer-reviewed publications in the areas of Nursing Fellowships and Advanced Illness.