

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Concurrent Session 1L

***Bridging the Gap: The Importance of the Interdisciplinary Team in Pediatric Palliative Care**

In-person

Summary:

This session explores how to provide compassionate care for medically fragile children within the context of a Family Centered Care framework. We will review how to engage families in goals of care discussions; explore approaches facilitating interdisciplinary teamwork using evidenced based resources; and provide techniques for creating a Peaceful Dying Plan inclusive of cultural and religious traditions. A case presentation will be reviewed to provide examples of the interdisciplinary roles of select team members and highlight the unique nature of palliative care in the pediatric population.

Objectives:

1. Participant will be able to identify concepts of Family Centered Guiding Care Principles when working with pediatric palliative care population.
2. Participant will be able to understand and differentiate roles of various interdisciplinary team members within the palliative care team throughout child's disease trajectory.
3. Participant will learn how the palliative interdisciplinary team works to comprise an individualized family centered Peaceful Dying Plan throughout a child's disease progression.

Speakers:

Marianne Muzic-Lucenti, LCSW, APHSW-C is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and the Palliative Care Program Manager at St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children. Over the past 20 years, Marianne's career has focused on providing support to families with medically fragile and terminally ill children, particularly at End-of-Life. Following completion of her graduate studies at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services in 2002, Marianne worked at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx as the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Social Worker. She transitioned to St. Mary's Hospital for Children in 2004, where she currently serves as Palliative Care Program Manager. Marianne provides support to the patient, family, and interdisciplinary staff throughout a child's disease trajectory, focusing on comfort management and quality of life. In addition, she manages the Doula Volunteer Program as well as the Complementary Care Program. She has mentored Fordham Social Work Graduate students within the Palliative Care Fellowship Program and is passionate about educating students, as well as the community regarding the importance of palliative care. Most recently, Marianne successfully completed the first evidenced based exam for Palliative Care Social Workers, and is now certified as an Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Worker-Certified. She is also an active member of the Hospice

and Palliative Care Association of N.Y. States (HPCANYS) Children's Advisory Committee and is in private practice.

Michael Matos, LMT is a licensed Massage Therapist and part of the Palliative Care Team at St. Mary's Hospital for Children. Following his graduation from The Swedish Institute Matos spent 8 years at Living Well Balanced, helping build their Massage Therapy and Stretching programs. As a consultant, he helped businesses build out their Wellness programs and trained Massage Therapists in data driven Holistic Care protocols. He then started his focus in pre and post-natal care at the Medical Massage Group where he served the Upper East Side community for over two years. In 2021 he joined the Palliative Care Team where he works with the patient, family, and interdisciplinary team to provide support and care through out's a child's stay at St. Mary's Hospital for Children.

Amber Carmiencke, OT is a licensed occupational therapist who has worked at St. Mary's Hospital for Children for the past three years. Amber is a member of the "Comfort Champions" interdisciplinary palliative care team and has experience providing both restorative and complementary care services to children from birth to young adulthood. Amber's occupational therapy background includes working with medically fragile children and teens with neurological, orthopedic, and life limiting medical conditions. Additionally, she has ten years of experience working with children and adults living with developmental and physical disabilities at recreational programs and providing community habilitation services. She is passionate about assisting children to live their lives to the fullest.

Chaplain Jacqueline Lynch, M.Div.
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