

Supportive Oncology: A Journey of Evolving Goals of Care

Hybrid (in-person & virtual)

*This session is approved for 1.5 SW CE credits

Summary: Always focused on what matters most to each individual patient and family, Goals of Care discussions within Palliative Medicine and Supportive Oncology are the core foundation for guiding medical teams and shaping treatment plans. Illustrated by dynamic role-plays between a patient and her Oncology team, these concepts and conversations will be revealed and represented not as static states however as philosophically valued and understood as fluid and ongoing, impacted by naturally shifting and evolving priorities and preferences during the Oncological journey.

Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to recognize the elements of Goals of Care and why they are so vital in Palliative Medicine.
2. Participants will learn some examples of commonly experienced shifts in patients' and families' preferences and priorities throughout Advanced Illness journeys.
3. Participants will gain tools in shaping language and supportive interventions from an Interdisciplinary perspective that can be incorporated in to Goals of Care Conversations with patients and families.

Bios:

Christine Gallo, LCSW, GC-C is a Clinical Social Worker and Certified Grief Counselor on the Palliative Medicine Team at Peconic Bay Medical Center. Through her role, Christine has the privilege of supporting patients and their families across all facets of advanced illness and loss with a specialized meaning-centered lens and holds a specialized interest and focus on advocacy for health equity and dignified end of life care along the advanced illness journey continuum for patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Christine also coordinates the Palliative Medicine Team's multi-faceted Bereavement Plan of Care utilizing holistic mind, body, and spirit multi-modal interventions to support individuals as they navigate their journey of grief.

Dr. Lindsey Semprini received her medical degree from American University of Antigua College of Medicine after completing her undergraduate degree from St. Joseph's College NY. She completed her Residency in Internal Medicine at Drexel University's Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, subsequently completing a Fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine at NYU Winthrop University Hospital. Dr. Semprini is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In September of 2020 Dr. Semprini joined the Medical Staff at Peconic Bay Medical Center where she has served in her role as Attending Physician in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. In June of 2023 Dr. Semprini was promoted to Director of the inpatient Geriatrics, Hospice and Palliative Medicine team at PBMC. Her professional interests include complex symptom management, and advocating for health equity for individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental disabilities.