

Current Perspectives in the Literature on End-of-Life Care from the J.W. Crane Memorial Library

Current **P**erspectives consists of selected articles from the current journal literature, focusing on systematic reviews, best practice models, and innovative approaches. Also featured are new resources added to the J.W. Crane Memorial Library, as well as selected Internet resources. Updated when new material is available.

The following articles, books and internet resources on end of life care in long term care represent a sampling of available information and a starting place for finding information on this topic. To find further resources on this subject, you may wish to search our online catalogue, now available online at: http://www.deerlodge.mb.ca/crane_library/search_catalogue.asp You can use the following keyword term(s): "end of life" or "palliative care" or "terminal care" or "hospice" or contact the Library for more searching tips and advice.

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Selected articles and support for seniors dealing with end of life issues, grief and bereavement.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

Peaceful death: recommended competencies and curricular guidelines for end-of-life nursing care.

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/education/deathfin.htm>

This document was produced by a roundtable of expert nurses convened by the AACN and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Canadian Virtual Hospice

<http://www.virtualhospice.ca>

The Canadian Virtual Hospice is an interactive network for people dealing with life-threatening illness and loss, their friends and families, and the professional caregivers who provide care to them. Registration is required, but is free of charge.

Center to Advance Palliative Care

<http://www.capc.org>

This organization acts as a resource to hospitals and other settings interested in developing palliative care programs. Content includes documents on hospital-based palliative care; a how-to-manual on developing a palliative care program; physician's needs assessment survey as well as marketing tools.

City of Hope Pain/Palliative Care Centre, Nursing Research and Education Website

<http://mayday.coh.org>

The purpose of this site is to service as a clearinghouse to disseminate information and resources to help improve the quality of pain management in palliative care. Includes pain assessment tools, patient education, quality assurance materials, research instruments and other resources.

Edmonton Regional Palliative Care Program

<http://www.palliative.org/>

Contains assessment tools and guidelines developed by the Palliative Care Program, palliative care tips, nursing notes, the Palliative Care Handbook, Caregiver's Guide and more.

End of Life / Palliative Education Resource Center (Medical College of Wisconsin)

<http://www.eperc.mcw.edu>

The purpose of EPERC is to assist physicians and other educators involved in all aspects of physician end of life education. Free registration required to login to some areas of the site.

End of Life Care Training Module (Wayne State University Intensive Train the Trainer Series)

<http://www.iog.wayne.edu/iog/education/end-of-life/>

The End-of-Life Care training modules were designed to summarize key concepts and are intended for individual use by long-term care and hospice professionals only to train staff and family members on end-of-life issues. Modules are available by request at the site and are e-mailed as Word and PowerPoint files.

Growth House, Inc.

<http://www.growthhouse.org/>

An international gateway to resources for life-threatening illness and "end-of-life" care. Provides access to reviewed resources for end-of-life care including online excerpts from "Handbook for Mortals"; a free monthly newsletter; extensive links and more.

Ian Anderson Continuing Education Program in End-of-Life Care

www.cme.utoronto.ca/endoflife/Overview.htm

This program will educate over 10,000 physicians and specialists across Canada to deal with issues surrounding death and dying, and will also hold conferences for educators, media and government. The website contains the learning modules for the education program. Information on other program materials is available at this site.

Innovations in end-of-life care. Center for Applied Ethics and Professional Practice at Education Development Center, Inc.

<http://www2.edc.org/lastszziacts/>

This free bimonthly, online journal features peer-reviewed promising practices in end-of-life care.

International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC).

<http://www.hospicecare.com>

The mission of the IAHPC is to increase the availability and access to high quality hospice and palliative care for patients and families throughout the world by promoting communication, facilitating education and by becoming an information resource. The site includes useful information including a monthly newsletter.

Kokua Mau: The Complete Life Course

<http://www.kokuamau.org/tools/complete.htm>

The Complete Life is a 17-session guidebook on caring for the dying and the bereaved. The guidebook provides information and experiential exercises on spiritual, cultural, physical and practical aspects of care.

Last Acts

<http://www.lastacts.org/>

"Last Acts" is a campaign to improve end-of-life care by a coalition of professional and consumer organizations. Their focus is on palliative care, managing pain and making life better for individuals and families facing death. This site is for professionals and volunteers working to improve care of the dying.

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One Vision, One Voice

<http://www.palliativecarenursing.net/>

The purpose of this site is to allow nurses to share information with other professionals about initiatives related to improving patient care at the end of life. Contains position statements and guidelines produced by nursing associations, a list of publications, and links.

Participant's handbook: EPEC (Education for Physicians in End-of-Life Care) Project.

<http://www.epec.net/>

EPEC is designed to educate all physicians on the essential clinical competencies required to provide quality end-of-life care. EPEC.net includes components of this program. Most training materials are available at a cost, but the handbook is available for free on this site.

Promoting Excellence in End-of-Life Care

<http://www.promotingexcellence.org/>

Dedicated to long-term changes to improve health care for dying persons and their families. Includes an extensive collection of palliative care assessment tools, an annotated bibliography which includes links to model care pathways and DNR policies.

Supportive Care of the Dying: A Coalition for Compassionate Care

<http://www.careofdying.org/>

Includes a quality improvement tools and toolkit for change section which include up-to-date resources such as patient questionnaires, patient data templates, competency standards, and professional questionnaires.

TIME: Toolkit of Instruments to Measure End-of-Life Care

<http://www.cher.brown.edu/pcoc/toolkit.htm>

Developed by Brown University, this site contains tools designed to measure quality of care and quality of life for dying patients and their families. An annotated bibliography of existing instruments is available at this site, as well as newly developed instruments and resource material for their use.

VA Hospice and Palliative Care Initiative

<http://www.va.gov/oaa/flp>

Links to documents on providing palliative care in US Veteran's Affairs healthcare facilities as well as in other settings.

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