End of Life Care

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This seminar is designed to refine the student’s skills in communication and management of common symptoms in dying patients. Students will learn to accurately describe Hospice services, identify patients who are candidates for the service and when to refer the patient for Hospice care, and discuss prognoses of the common diagnoses cared for by Hospices. The student will improve skills in communication, specifically in the areas of communicating bad news, assisting the patients and their surrogates to discern their goals for the remaining time in their life, forming their advance planning, and basic grief counseling.

**Objectives:**
Upon completion, the student will be able to:
1. Formulate and write orders for management of key non-pain and pain symptoms based on patient goals of care.
2. Describe what Hospice is, services provided, patient candidacy, and indications for referral.
3. Demonstrate communication skills of breaking bad news, assisting patients and/or surrogates in discerning goals of care, advance care planning, and providing basic grief counseling.