

Palliative Care Chat Monthly News & Updates

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In the News...

Unbelievably, the first class in the Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program - PALC601 (Principles and Practice of Hospice and Palliative Care) - is almost done! The class has been AMAZING!! Students have provided midpoint comments such as "The most engaged I've EVER been in ANY class!" or "We were adequately prepared prior to day one for what to expect," and

my favorite- "I've been very pleased and impressed with the curriculum detail, resources and accessibility for guidance. Well done!" We want to challenge our learners and give them an outstanding experience, while keeping the workload reasonable. See below for a quick story from one of our current students about her thoughts on signing up for this Master's program.

Learners from every discipline are enrolled in the program - nurses, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, dietitians, administrators, and more!

There's still time to join the official inaugural class (Class of 2019) - the deadline for **Fall 2017** admission is June 30. But don't wait until the last minute - we anticipate filling the class fairly quickly. Consider participating in a Virtual Open House (see below) or check out our [webpage](#).

Thoughts from Angela House, PharmD, a student in the Master of Science in Palliative Care Program...

"Are you on the fence about enrolling in this Master of Science program for fear of too much work, or boring learning activities? Don't be afraid! The coursework is very diverse - there are videos, case presentations, readings, group projects, and many more learning opportunities that we haven't even started yet. The workload is totally doable, even with a full time job and a family at home. You can carve out small chunks of time throughout the week,

or you could set aside a full day to work on your assignments. The best part is the diversity.

My classmates are from many different professions, different countries, and different cultural and educational backgrounds - but we all share one thing: we are passionate about palliative care. Come join us and see for yourself!"

Consider participating in a Virtual Open House! Next date: May 31, 2017

The Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program will host open houses throughout the year.

[Register](#) now for an upcoming open house.

Classes begin Aug. 28 - Get started on your [application](#) now!

New Podcast! Dr. Meera Agar, MBBS, MCP, PhD, PACHPM, principal investigator of Australian delirium trial in palliative care patients explains study.



In this episode of Palliative Care Chat, program director Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, interviews Meera Agar, MBBS, MCP, PhD, PACHPM, professor of palliative care at the University of Technology Sydney in Australia, who discusses her recently published work "Efficacy of Oral Risperidone Haloperidol or Placebo for Symptoms of Delirium Among Patients in Palliative Care." (Agar MR, Lawlor PG, Quinn S, et al. JAMA Internal Medicine, Jan 2017.)

Click [here](#) to listen now!

Brag Book!

We have the MOST AWESOME faculty and students in the Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program in the world! Welcome to our Brag Book! Let's take a look at some of the amazing things our faculty have been up to...



Delia Chiramonte, MD (PALC 606)

- On April 29, she will give two presentations in Chicago at the American College of Rheumatology Clinical Symposium. Topics include "An Integrative Approach to Pain Management," and "Practical Approach to Mind-Body Skills." For more information, [click here](#).

Jon P. Furuno, PhD, FSHEA (PALC 616) and Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617)

- Publication: Kowalewska CA, Noble BN, Fromme EK, **McPherson ML**, Grace KN, **Furuno JP**. Prevalence and Clinical Intentions of Antithrombotic Therapy on Discharge to Hospice Care. Journal of Palliative Medicine. In press.

Maureen Gang, MD (Class of 2019)

- Chair-elect, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine SIG, Emergency Medicine

Kenneth Scott Guess, PharmD, MS Pharm, RPh, DAAPM (Class of 2019)

- Honor: Selected for California Pharmacists Association Cardinal Health Foundation's Generation Rx Champions Award 2017.
- Publication: Guess KS. How Do You Respond to Corresponding Responsibility? California Pharmacist. In press.

Chuck Hodell, PhD (PALC 602)

- Recently elected to the Board of Directors for the Shenandoah Women's Shelter in Martinsburg, WV. For more information, [click here](#).

Kasey Malotte, PharmD, BCPS (PALC 611)

- Publication: Malotte KL, Groninger H. Fast Facts and Concepts#331: Comparison of Fentanyl Oral and Nasal Formulations. For more information, [click here](#).

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS, CPE (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617)

- Honor: Recipient, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Alumni Awards of Service and Excellence - Practice Category.

Shaida Talebreza, MD, AGSF, FAAHPM, HMDC (PALC 611)

- Has been working with the VA National Center for Ethics in Health Care to create and implement a nationwide program to elicit, document and honor veteran's goals of care for life-sustaining treatments. For more information, please click on the links ([Clinical Staff Resources](#) or [Goals of Care Training](#))

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