

## Palliative Care Chat Monthly News & Updates

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**The Fall 2017 semester starts on August 28. Get your application in by the June 30 deadline!**

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.

Have Questions? Consider participating in a Virtual Open House (see below) or check out our [webpage](#).

**Current students are asked to make periodic posts in their reflective journal. One student wrote this close to the end of the Principles and Practice of Hospice and Palliative Care course:**

"Week seven (7) was a tremendous week. Again I am amazed by the degree of practicality with which each week of this program has brought. This has really been the first time I have been in a course of study, where weekly one can actually apply what is being learned, to my own day to day role as a Chaplain.

Overall I really appreciate this first class. This was not just a course - it was more than that. This was a life shaping experience. Over the next few months I hope to continue to learn, model and practice these disciplines, towards being a better person and a more effective IDT professional. This has been great, I am thankful for the opportunity to learn!"

-Neive George (Class of 2019)

**Consider participating in a Virtual Open House  
Our next session will be held May 31, 2017**

The Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program hosts open houses throughout the year. Click here to [register](#) for an upcoming session.

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## New Podcast! A two-part series featuring Drs. Mary Lynn McPherson and Kathryn Walker. Listen as the "Speed Dating with the Pharmacy Ladies" discuss valuable quick tips about prescriptions and OTC's!



You may recognize the voice in this latest (two-part) episode of Palliative Care Chat. The two funny ladies, that you may have been lucky enough to see live and in person at a Hospice and Palliative Care Conference near you, come directly to your speakers in this month's podcast.

Program director Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS, CPE and Kathryn Walker, PharmD, BCPS, CPE, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, go over some quick tips regarding prescriptions and over the counter medications. Dr. Walker serves as Dr. McPherson's speaking partner in their popular conference forum entitled "Speed Dating with the Pharmacy Ladies."

Click [here](#) to listen now!

## Book Winner!

Congratulations to **Beth Miller, RN, CHPN**, clinical director at [Hospice Services of Massachusetts](#), on winning an autographed copy of Dr. McPherson's book, titled "Demystifying Opioid Conversion Calculations: A Guide for Effective Dosing," at this month's [NHPCO](#) conference in Washington D.C.

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## 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! Let's take a look at some of the amazing things our faculty have been up to.

**DeliaChiaromonte, MD (PALC 606)**

- Presentation: "Mindfulness Strategies for Use



inmental Health Practice" Baltimore VA, Baltimore, May 2017. Click [here](#) to see the flier.

**Constance Dahlin, MSN, ANP-BC, ACHPN, FPCN, FAAN (PALC601)**

- Publication: Dahlin C, Coyne PJ, Paice J, Malloy P, Thaxton CA, Haskamp A. ELNEC-APRN: Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education. J Hospice and Pall Nursing 2017;19(3):261-265.

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

- Awarded Advanced Practice Pharmacist License in the state of California. This is in response to pharmacists earning provider status in California in 2015.

**Donna Stevens (PALC 608)**

- Presentation: "Diverse Models of Home-Based Palliative Care: Key Principles for Impact on Quality and Cost." NHPCO Management and Leadership Conference, Washington, DC, May 2017.

**Martha Twaddle, MD (PALC 612)**

- Appointment: The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) appointed Dr. Twaddle as the representative to the National Consensus Project for Community-based Palliative Care.
- Appointment: Co-chair of the National Coalition for Hospice & Palliative Care
- Appointment: Senior vice president of the Education and Quality for the Home Centered Care Institute
- Presentation: "Models and Strategies to Integrate Palliative Care Principles into Serious Illness Care." National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness, April 27, 2017 Public Workshop. To read more about it click [here](#).
- Presentation: Keynote speaker for the OSF-Peoria Supportive Care Conference on April 28, 2017.
- Finally, and most importantly, on May 5, she hung her Orioles feeder out, ensuring us all that Spring is finally here!

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