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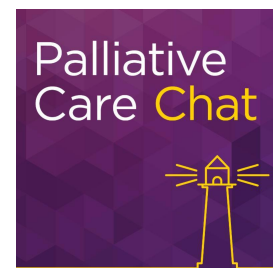
Have questions? Consider participating in a [Virtual Open House](#) or check out our [webpage](#).

Register for a Virtual Open House - Upcoming sessions will be held Nov. 5, 2017 and Nov. 6, 2017.

The [Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care](#) hosts open house sessions throughout the year. Use this opportunity to get your questions answered directly from program director [Dr. Mary Lynn McPherson](#). See what all the buzz is about and get yourself [registered](#) today!

Palliative Care Chat Podcast

[Listen](#) to program director [Dr. Mary Lynn McPherson](#) interview various individuals in the healthcare industry as well as current faculty and [students](#) in the online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care. The [most recent](#) is an interview with Dr. Susan Kristiniak, from the University of Pennsylvania, who has taught thousands of nurses how to provide aromatherapy. Check it out!



Book Winner

Congratulations to **Macayla Landi, PharmD, BCPS**, clinical pharmacy specialist in pain management at [VA Central Western Massachusetts](#) on winning an autographed copy of Dr. McPherson's book - "*Demystifying Opioid Conversion Calculations: A Guide for Effective Dosing*," at last month's [PainWeek](#) conference in Las Vegas.

Brag Book

We have the MOST AWESOME [faculty](#) and students in the online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates program in Palliative Care in the world! Let's take a look at some of the amazing things our students and faculty have been up to.



Patrick Coyne, MSN (PALC 601 and 615)

- 2017 Stovall Award winner - for innovation in patient-centered cancer care. Click [here](#) to read more.
- Publication: Dahlin, Constance M.; **Coyne, Patrick J.**; Paice, Judith; Malloy, Pamela; Thaxton, Cheryl Ann; Haskamp, Amy Less. Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education. Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing. 19(3):261-265, June 2017.
- [ELNEC-APRN: Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education](#)

Carla Cheatham, Mdiv, PhD (PALC 604, 614)

- Performed the Closing Plenary for the 2017 Virtual Conference titled, "Healing Ourselves First: Resilience as Our Greatest Clinical Competence." Co-hosted by [NHPCO](#), [AAHPM](#) and [HPNA](#).
- Provided the keynote titled, "Attunement and Presence for Exceptional Clinical Care," for the [Texas Medical Directors Association/Texas Geriatrics Society](#) Annual Meeting on Aug. 5, 2017.
- Led Pediatric Grand Rounds for [Children's National Medical Center](#) in DC and provided the keynote for their Palliative Care Symposium.
- On Sept. 29, 2017, she provided a keynote titled, "Ethical Emotional Boundaries for Professionals" for the 2017 [Avera Cancer Institute Oncology](#) Symposium, along with a concurrent session titled, "BE-ing with Suffering: What To Say, What Not to Say, and How To Show Up Well."

Delia Chiamonte, MD (PALC 606)

- Publication: Pearce M, **Chiamonte D.** When a patient asks you to pray: what's a provider to do? International Journal of Palliative Nursing. 2017 Jul 2;23(7):316-317. doi: 10.12968/ijpn.2017.23.7.316

Connie Dahlin (PALC 601)

- Publication: **Dahlin, Constance M.**; Coyne, Patrick J.; Paice, Judith; Malloy, Pamela; Thaxton, Cheryl Ann; Haskamp, Amy Less. Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education. Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing. 19(3):261-265, June 2017.
- [ELNEC-APRN: Meeting the Needs of Advanced Practice Nurses Through Education](#)
- Press Release of National Project: Four National Palliative Care Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Externship Sites Selected. This program will promote primary palliative care education for APRN's and has been created with the financial support of the Cambia Health Foundation's Sojourns Scholars Leadership Program, where Ms. Dahlin has been given incredible financial support to create a project that will have a major impact on mid-career education for APRN's, and with administrative support from the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

Jessica Geiger-Hayes, PharmD (Class of 2019)

- Presentation: Ferris F, **Geiger-Hayes J, McPherson ML.** Managing pain between a rock and a hard place: Getting the tough jobs done in serious illness. PainWeek 2017, Las Vegas, Nev, 2017.

Kenneth Scott Guess, PharmD (Class of 2019)

- Publication: Tennant F, Porcelli MJ, Costello L, **Guess S**. Justification of morphine equivalent opioid dosage above 90 mg. *Practical Pain Management*, July/August 2017;44-49.

Chuck Hodell, PhD (PALC 602)

- Has been elected president of [Shenandoah Women's Center](#), which operates the only shelter for abuse victims and the victims of sexual trafficking in the three counties in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

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

- Multiple presentations at PainWeek 2017, including: Ferris F, **Geiger-Hayes J, McPherson ML**. Managing pain between a rock and a hard place: Getting the tough jobs done in serious illness. PainWeek 2017, Las Vegas, Nev, 2017.
- **Presentation: McPherson ML**. Do I REALLY know what I think I know? A critical look at the evidence supporting use of the essential medications in serious illness. Aligning Practice with Evidence Virtual Conference. Sponsored by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. Washington, DC, July 2017.
- Poster Presentation: Mendoza K, **McPherson ML**. Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes Regarding the Use of Medical Cannabis in the Hospice Population: An Educational Intervention. PainWeek 2017, Las Vegas, Nev, September 2017.
- Presentation: **McPherson ML, Walker K**. To infinity and beyond! Safe and effective opioid titration strategies. International Conference on Opioids, Boston, Mass., June 2017.
- Publication: **McPherson ML**. Pharmacists can help right the ship in the opioid crisis. *Pharmacy Today* 2017;43.

John Morris, MD (PALC 612)

- Taught a [CAPC](#) webinar on July 20, "Billing and Coding for Community Based Palliative Care - New Opportunities to Improve Reimbursement."
- Hosted a [Four Seasons Palliative Care Immersion Course](#) July 10-14.
- Joined the [board of directors](#) of the California State Institute of Palliative Care.
- Has been hired as a consultant by the [University of North Carolina Health System](#) to help facilitate a palliative care strategic plan for the health care system.

Shirley Otis-Green, MSW (PALC 603)

- Has been selected to receive the Hymann J. Weiner Leadership Award from the Society for Social Work Leaders in Health Care ([SSWLHC](#)).
- This prestigious award was presented to Ms. Otis-Green at the SSWLCH 2017 Annual Meeting & Conference.
- To read more about the conference please click [here](#).

Michelle Pearce, PhD (PALC 606)

- Spoke at the [American Association of Christian Counselors](#) in Nashville, Tenn on Faith and Psychotherapy to Treat Depression, during the week of Sept. 22, 2017.
- Publication: **Pearce M**, Chiaramonte D. When a patient asks you to pray: what's a provider to do? *International Journal Palliative Nursing*. 2017 Jul 2;23(7):316-317. doi: 10.12968/ijpn.2017.23.7.316

Kirstin Springmeyer, Mdiv (Class of 2019)

- Publication: [Using Art to Facilitate Spiritual Exploration](#) ChiPPS e-journal pages 26-29
- https://www.nhpco.org/sites/default/files/public/ChiPPS/ChiPPS_e-journal_issue-48.pdf?_zs=bTeQL1&_zl=amqw3

Marguete Russo, PhD (PALC 603, 617)

- Spoke and presented original research at the 28th [International Nursing Research Congress](#) in Dublin, Ireland for the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing on July 30, 2017.
- Dr. Russo's presentation was titled "Patient reported outcome measures enhance the nursing process and patient centered care in heart failure."
- Dr.'s Russo and Debra Wiegand, PhD (PALC 603), were invited by the International End of Life Nursing Association Consortium ([ELNEC](#)) to teach the Critical Care "Train the Trainer" ELNEC curriculum to over 250 nurses on Aug. 10-12 held in Seoul, Korea.

Martha Twaddle, MD (PALC 612)

- Has been named the new medical director of Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care at [Northwestern Medicine - Lake Forrest Hospital](#).
- Taught a course with Dr. Lynn McPherson in Lubbock, Texas at the 12th Annual Frank M. Ryburn, Jr., MD Hospice & Palliative Medicine Symposium

Kathryn A. Walker, PharmD, BCPS, CPE (PALC 610)

- Presentation: **McPherson ML, Walker K.** To infinity and beyond! Safe and effective opioid titration strategies. International Conference on Opioids, Boston, Mass., June 2017.

Turner West, MPH (PALC 610)

- Publication: Along with colleague Julia Driessen, wrote an article titled, "Variation In End-Of-Life Care Is An Open Invitation For Accountable Care Organization Innovation," for *Health Affairs*.
- To read the full article, please click [here](#).

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