Palliative Care Chat - News & Updates

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Message from the Director

It's hard to believe that we find ourselves in the middle of the summer, four months into social isolation. I have been so touched and motivated to see and hear of the amazing things hospice and palliative care providers have done for COVID patients and their families. I know palliative care will emerge from this storm with even greatest respect that it had before.

Another thing that's hard to believe is our application deadline for fall is RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER - July 15! It's shaping up to be a bumper crop of applicants, but don't stop now - tell all your friends and neighbors about our amazing program so they can jump on board! It's exciting to see so many learners from across the
US and around the world! Speaking of amazing students, keep an eye out for the link to our virtual graduation celebration on August 21st at 3 pm. Almost 50 students will be graduating at the end of this month! What an amazing accomplishment!

Enjoy your remaining summer, and take care of yourselves and your families. Fall will be here before you know it!

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS
Executive Director Advanced Post-Graduate Education in Palliative Care Program
Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care

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Palliative Care Chat Podcast

Episode 35 - "Role of Palliative Care in COVID-19 Tsunami of Suffering"

The authors of the Lancet publication "The Key Role of Palliative Care in Response to The COVID-19 Tsunami of Suffering" chat with Dr. McPherson.

Click here to listen!

Episode 36 - "Hospice Collaboration During COVID-19"
with Dr. Kathryn Walker and Ms. Zoe Plaugher of MedStar Health, and Mr. William Gammie of Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care.

This episode of Palliative Care Chat highlights the importance of collaboration between palliative care and hospice during a pandemic, featuring conversations with Dr. Kathryn Walker and Ms. Zoe Plaugher of MedStar Health, and Mr. William Gammie of Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care.
Who Wants to Save $75?

Application Fee Waiver

As you are all aware the need for Palliative Services is constantly growing. And our Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificate Program continues to grow as well! We are delighted with the number of students we have enrolled, the diversity in learners, the faculty who are outstanding in this field, and the wonderful, glowing comments we receive!

Here's some good news - we are happy to WAIVE the application fee for the Fall 2020 semester, if you apply by July 15, 2020! Please begin your online application AND send an email to gradapply@umaryland.edu, with "Promo Code" in the subject line, telling them you are applying for this program. The graduate school will respond with further instructions to use the waiver code. What a deal!

What's on your reading list?


Baldeo, Ryan, MPAS, PA-C (Leadership MS)
We always say we have the MOST amazing faculty and students in the universe.

Read on to see where they've spoken, what they've published, and what they're doing.

Anne Goldsborough (Class of 2020)

"Adger was born during my first course in the program, back in April 2018. He is now a walking, talking, singing, climbing glorious 2-year-old boy. When we finish up at the end of July he will be 27 months old. Just goes to show how much we can grow and learn in just a couple of years!"

Erin Woodkotch (Class of 2020)

A dream come true: JCMC patient meets football hero and receives signed helmet and jersey.


Brooke Thomas (Class of 2020)

"Right around the start of my masters journey, I also started visiting Mill Swamp Indian Horses (MSIH), as my youngest daughter, Galen, wanted to ride. While going to MSIH I learned about conservation of the Corolla Beach horses, natural horsemanship, and the healing ability gained from the human-equine relationship. I'm an active volunteer with the riding program now and also work the Veterans PTSD natural horsemanship program. With this, I am hoping to design a program for healthcare workers focusing on wellness and natural horsemanship."

millswampindianhorses.com

Dr. Carla Cheatham (PALC 604, 614)

"Care for the professional caregiver during crisis." Wellsky On Demand
Dr. Paul Tatum (PALC 612)

Dr. Tatum has been building a new fellowship and the NEWEST hospice and palliative medicine fellowship at the Dell Medical School at the University of Texas officially begins with their first fellows on July 1st!

A major challenge in the covid era is how to bring palliative skills to all clinicians quickly. Dr. Tatum has partnered with the Texas Academy of Family Physicians and later the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine to create training in covid-era communication using the Vital Talk Covid Guide as a model.

Jessica Nymeyer, MSN, RN, AGACN ACHPN, CCRN (PALC 603)

"This interview was a reflection on my work as a Palliative Care NP in the midst of the COVID outbreak in the Bronx the past few months. As we emerge from the chaos my heart aches for the families and clinical staff who are now facing outbreaks in many other communities."

https://insights.som.yale.edu/insights/leading-through-covid-supporting-patients-and-families

Daniel Fischberg, MD, PhD, FAAHPM (PALC 617)

Dr. Fischberg was recently appointed to (again) Chair the Education and Learning Strategic Coordinating Committee for AAHPM. He is looking forward to the challenges of meeting the needs of members and the people they care for in these challenging times. He is very grateful for Lynn giving him some much needed experience with online learning!

Also recently appointed to AAHPM COVID Task Force.

Working with colleagues on the Culture and Wellness Committee of the Queen’s Medical Group, Dr. Fischberg successfully raised funds to provide 100,000 meals to families in need in Hawaii through the Hawaii Foodbank. They have now challenged the rest of the health system to match their efforts and are well on the way to providing another 100,000 meals.

Congratulations
Congratulations on your Retirement!

Pamela Barrett, ACSW, FACHE (PALC 608)

Pam co-created and taught PALC 608 from its inception. We are sincerely grateful for her contributions to our program, and her expertise in Hospice Leadership.

Congratulations on your PYG2 Residency and Fellowship:

Drs. McPherson and Walker would like to offer the heartiest of congratulations to Drs. Sulgi Chae and Heather Cook on completion of their PGY2 Pain Management and Palliative Care Pharmacy Practice Residency, and concurrent Fellowship at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Dr. Chae is going on to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) in Boston, MA as their ambulatory palliative/pain management pharmacist and Dr. Cook has accepted an offer as a palliative care pharmacy specialist with MedStar Health in Baltimore.

New to the PGY2 residency, and concurrent fellowship, are Drs. Abby Stevens and Cindy Nguyen! We hope they are well-rested because it's going to be a crazy, but super exciting year!

Congratulations on your promotion to Full Professor at the UMB Graduate School!

Michelle Pearce, PhD (Faculty - PALC 606)

Congratulations on your Zoom Presentation "Hospice for patients with Alzheimer's and Related Dementia's" at the Penn Memory Center!

Stephanie Lynn (Alumni - MS 2019)

Congratulations on your acceptance to the PhD in Palliative Care program at Lancaster University.

Neive George (Psychosocial MS 2019)
Congratulations on your Residency Program and Textbook Chapter.

Jessica Geiger (Alumni - MS 2019)


Dr. Geiger is pleased to announce the launch of a new PGY2 Pharmacy Practice Residency in Palliative Care at Ohio Health Riverside Methodist Hospital.

Congratulations on your son's graduation!

Karen Bush (Class of 2022)

On June 7th Karen threw a SURPRISE, socially distant graduation ceremony. Friends and family pulled their cars up and got out to watch her son Michael march down our street in his cap and gown (that was hidden in the trunk of his car). Karen stood in the court crying as she watched him approach while Pomp and Circumstance played over a loud speaker. Speeches were made including one that his sisters wrote for him to give. Everyone wore T-shirts with his picture and favors were given out that included, signs, pompous, hand sanitizer and bags of popcorn. It was truly a special and memorable day. So, congratulations to Michael Hirschbein who will be attending the Ohio State.

Congratulations on your new rescue!

Andrea Grace (Class of 2022)

New family member, Tora. Rescue from Kauai.

Happy Birthday!

Moxie Dog (11) - Moxie's Human is Katrina Scott (Faculty PALC 604)
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