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Tune in to one of our Virtual Open Houses this spring:

- Tue, Apr. 30 at 1 p.m. (ET) and 9 p.m. (ET)
- Wed, Jun. 5 at noon (ET) and 9 p.m. (ET)
- Tue, Jul. 9 at noon (ET) and 9 p.m. (ET)
Palliative Care Chat Podcast

Listen to our latest podcasts!

You’ll really enjoy this recounting of how research in palliative care originated, where we are now, and directions for the future. Listen to two experts in the field - Dr. Sean Morrison and Dr. Jennifer Tjia - they’ll have us all wanting to do research in our chosen field!

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Welcome to our new faculty!

Joan Harrold, MD, MPH, FACP, FAAHPM (PALC 615)

Dr. Harrold is the Medical Director and CMO/VP, Medical Services of Hospice & Community Care in Lancaster/York, PA. For more than two decades, Dr. Harrold has worked to enhance palliative and end-of-life education of the public and of professionals in the field. She served on the inaugural Examination Committee of the Hospice Medical Director Certification Board and the HPM Examination Committees of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. As a director of the board of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO), she served a term as chair of the Professional Education Committee and continues to serve on the NHPCO Physician Education Subcommittee. While a director of the board of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation, she served on the HPNF Scholarship Application Review Committee. Serving in a variety of leadership and board positions with the Pennsylvania Hospice and Palliative Care Network, Dr. Harrold promoted increasingly advanced educational endeavors, leading PHPCN to name a Scholarship for Excellence in Education in her honor. Dr. Harrold is co-author of the Handbook for Mortals: Guidance for People Facing Serious Illness (1999, 2011). She has provided numerous local, statewide and national presentations and serves as a reviewer for books and articles on end of life issues for a variety of medical journals and publishers.

Barbara Head, PhD, RN, CHPN, FPCN, ACSW (PALC 617)

Barbara Head, PhD, CHPN, ACSW, FPCN is presently an associate professor at the University of Louisville School of
Medicine and affiliated faculty at the Kent School of Social Work. Her research interests include work force issues for hospice and palliative professionals, financial concerns in serious illness, geriatric palliative care, and interprofessional palliative education. Her work has been funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, the National Cancer Institute, the Hospice and Palliative Nurse’s Association, and the Human Resources Services Association. She is currently the principal investigator on a grant funded by the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to develop a specialty certification program for hospice and palliative social workers and serves as the President of the Board of the Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Work Certification program. She has served as both board member and president of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses and is a current member of the SWHPN Board of Directors. Prior to entering academics, she worked at Louisville’s large hospice program as a homecare nurse, quality improvement director, and staff/community education director. Barbara has taught the End-of-Life Nursing Education Curriculum (ELNEC) geriatric curriculum nationally since its inception in 2006 in the U.S., Malaysia and India. She is also principal investigator for the iPEX project which is training faculty teams from across the nation to develop interprofessional curricula in palliative care at their home institutions.

Stop by and see us!

Please stop by and visit Dr. McPherson if you're going to the NHPCO Leadership Conference in DC.

She'll be at booth 537! Be sure to hit her up for one of our magical purple pens!

Big Winner!

Join me in congratulating our book drawing winner:

From the AAHPM/HPNA 2019 Annual Assembly:

Patricia Starke, RN, CHPN
Hackensack Meridian Health

You are Invited!

You are invited to MedStar Health’s 7th Annual Baltimore-Washington Palliative Medicine Symposium

April 25, 2019
The Meeting House, Columbia, MD

More Information
We always saw 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.

Congratulations!

- **Ryan Baldeo, MPAS, PA-C (Class of 2020)** received the 2018 America's Top Physician Assistant Award from Point of Care Network. This award recognizes 10 of the top physician assistants practicing today. Winners were nominated by their peers for excellence and dedication to their profession, patients, and communities.

- **Paul DeSandre, DO, FACEP, FAAHPM (PALC 607)** was recognized by the Emory School of Medicine Recognitions Committee for 2019 Doctor's Day on Mar. 30, 2019. Nominated by his peers, comments included: "Helped in supporting and advocating to host Schwartz Center Rounds here at Grady", "Maintains incredible empathy, professionalism, and grace towards his patients and families", and "Openness and desire to strengthen his leadership skills and develop/strengthen relationships with his team". Additionally, he was promoted to Associate Professor.

- **Khaliah A. Johnson, MD, FAAP, FAAHPM, HMDC (PALC 604)** has been promoted to the position of acting director of pediatric palliative care for Children's Hospital of Atlanta; the largest pediatric healthcare system within the Southeast. The Children's Hospital of Atlanta is continually looking to advance the care of children from all walks of life, facing all illness and circumstances. Dr. Johnson also received a new academic appointment within general pediatrics at Emory University to work in conjunction with Dr. Paul DeSandre to improve access to palliative care for HIV/AIDS patients in Atlanta.

- **Anne Keleman, MSW, LICSW (PALC 603, PALC 605, PALC 614)** passed the first social work certification exam.


- **Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617) McPherson ML.** Opioid Conversion MISCAlculations: Safe and Effective Dosing of Opioids. Memorial Hermann 5th Annual Supportive Care Symposium, Houston, TX, April 2018.

- **Krissy Rooks, BSN (Class of 2020)** accepted a position at Southeast Georgia Health Systems as a full-time night nurse on the Oncology floor. She will continue to work for Hospice of the Golden Isles PRN.
Krissy Rooks, BSN (Class of 2020) celebrated her 50th Birthday with a fabulous trip to Wyoming and Arizona.

Stephanie Lynn, RN, BSN, CHPN (Class of 2019) has a new grand dog, Samson Ulysses Lynn.

Abigail Latimer, LCSW (PALC 604) received the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) Clinical Excellence Award at AAHPM/HPNA 2019 Annual Assembly

What our Students are Saying!

"I knew that I would build on my knowledge base in this course, but I did not expect to gain SKILLS. The 11 step learning sequence in Module 1 was just awesome, there’s no other way to describe it. I’ve been able to develop new skills and refine skills I already had through application during real-life simulations.

Over the past two weeks, instead of just learning about pain assessment scales and when to use them, we were actually able to apply what we learned through the learning sequence activity and telephone patient interviews with our course instructors. I can’t wait to use the skills I’ve gained and expanded in my practice. To say I’m excited to see what the next 6 weeks have in store is an understatement. I don’t want this program to ever end!" - Macayla A. Landi, PharmD, BCPS (Class of 2020)
Want to join the fun?
Get started on your application today!

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