

THE IMPACT OF END-OF-LIFE EXPERIENCES ON BEREAVEMENT

DESCRIPTION:

This presentation will focus on published research that describes and validates patients dreams and visions at the end of life. Dr. Kerr will explore how these near universal experiences often provide comfort and meaning as well as insight into the life led. The presentation includes videos of patients and families describing the meaningfulness of these powerful end-of-life experiences.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features an experienced professional offering her own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the expert talking and presenting. Patient/family videos will also be presented. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the expert questions that she will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	July 12, 2022
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 1 year; until July 11, 2023
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours for a wide variety of professional boards
CE FEE:	Included with registration
CONTENT LEVEL:	The program is mainly for professionals already working in the field, but is practical for all levels of education – entry level, intermediate or advanced.
TARGET AUDIENCE:	Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

This program will be live on the air date, recorded and made available for on demand viewing. The recorded program will be available approximately a day after the live event.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

To view this online program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers. If you are showing to a large group, you will need a way to project on a large screen and a sound amplification system. Please test your system ahead of time to ensure you have the capabilities to view and hear the program, as HFA does not provide refunds on registration. Please be sure to test on the SAME equipment you will use on the day of the program viewing.

TEST LINK for Audio and Video: <https://zoom.us/test>

Technical Questions? Please go to <https://zoom.us/> and click “support”

PROGRAM FEES/MATERIALS:

Registration includes continuing education and on-demand viewing for 1 year from live date. As there are no refunds on registration (all registrations have immediate access to program video & materials), please be sure to test the system requirements prior to purchase.

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Individual Viewer: Member: \$23.80 | Non-member: \$34.00
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

1. To understand and describe the quantify and qualitative data pertaining to patients' experiences at the end of life
 2. To describe the distinction between delirium and end-of-life experiences
 3. To describe the impact of end-of-life experiences on the bereaved
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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

1. Review the end-of-life studies pertaining to quantified data- frequency/incidence, degree of realism, comfort versus distress, changes relative to days before death, content (10 minutes)
 2. Review the distinction between delirium and end of life experiences (10 minutes)
 3. Describe the paradox of end-of-life processes- physical vs psychologic/spiritual processes (15 minutes)
 4. Review the data which suggests end of life experiences contain elements consistent with post-traumatic growth (15 minutes)
 5. Describe the case studies illustrating pediatric end of life processes (15 minutes)
 6. Describe the data that describes the effects of end-of-life experiences on the bereaved (15 minutes)
 7. Question and Answer Session (10 minutes)
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CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS:

This program is valid for 1.5 continuing education contact hours. CE hours are available for 1 year, until July 11, 2023.

A complete list of board approvals for this webinar program is posted to HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

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EXPERT PANELISTS:

Christopher Kerr, MD, PhD, is the Chief Medical Officer and Chief Executive Officer for Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo. Alongside direct patient care, Dr. Kerr's focus is in the areas of leadership and patient advocacy. He has overseen the integration and expansion of palliative care into hospitals and developed a large home-based program for both adults and children and has published on innovative program models that are designed to better align patient/family services to the complexity of needs inherent to advanced illness. Dr. Kerr's background in research has evolved from bench science toward the human experience of illness as witnessed from the bedside, specifically patients' dreams and visions at the end of life. Although medically ignored, these near-universal experiences often provide comfort and meaning, as well as insight into the life led and the death anticipated. To date, the research team at Hospice & Palliative Care Buffalo has published multiple studies on this topic and documented over 1,500 end-of-life events, many of which are videotaped. Dr. Kerr's work was published in a recent book called *Death Is But a Dream*.

REVIEWER:

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