

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH ADVANCED HEART DISEASE, FROM DIAGNOSIS TO DEATH



DESCRIPTION:

Heart disease remains one of the leading causes of death, yet conversations around end-of-life care for cardiac patients often come too late. This course will explore the full continuum of hospice and palliative care for cardiac patients—from diagnosis through decline to the final days of life—emphasizing a whole-person approach that honors the physical, emotional, and spiritual journey of patients and families.

Expert presenters will speak of the crucial role of medical professionals and spiritual care at the bedside, especially in addressing the psychosocial needs of patients and loved ones navigating uncertainty and loss.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

This presentation features experienced professionals offering their own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to hear the experts talking and presenting. If you login for the live version of the program, you'll also have the opportunity to email or text the experts' questions that they will discuss and answer during the program's Q & A session.

LIVE DATE:	July 15, 2025
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 6 months; until January 15, 2026
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CEs:	1.5 hours
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 the program, you will need a computer and screen, reliable internet access, and speakers.

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

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

PROGRAM FEES/REGISTRATION:

Registration includes continuing education and on-demand viewing for 6 months from live date. Register directly online at: <https://www.hospicefoundation.org>

Single Webinar Registration

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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PROGRAM OUTLINE:

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CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) CREDITS:

This program is valid for 1.5 continuing education contact hours. CE hours are available for 6 months, until January 15, 2026.

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

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must attend the entire 1.5 hour program. Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online which includes a required evaluation form and exam. The exam must be completed at 80% or above (the exam may be re-taken, if necessary).

EXPERT PANELISTS:

Sonja Richmond, MD, HMDC, RYT

Vice President of Medical Affairs and Hospice Medical Director

Dr. Sonja Richmond is a compassionate hospice and palliative care physician with over a decade of experience dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for patients with serious illnesses. With a strong foundation in internal medicine, she transitioned to palliative care to focus on holistic, patient-centered approaches that prioritize both patients and their families.

Originally from Miami, Florida, Dr. Richmond earned her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Virginia before attending The George Washington University School of Medicine, where she completed her medical education and residency. She is a Board-Certified Internist and Board-Certified Hospice Medical Director, licensed to practice in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Over nearly two decades, she has achieved significant milestones in her field, advocating for the critical importance of palliative care services.

Dr. Richmond is actively engaged in community outreach and education, contributing to numerous publications on end-of-life care and speaking at national conferences. Her insights on integrating holistic practices into medical care have made her a sought-after voice in the field.

In addition to her medical practice, Dr. Richmond has cultivated her passion for yoga over the past 15 years earning both Ayurveda and Yin Yoga certifications. She seamlessly integrates her medical knowledge with her yoga expertise, offering restorative experiences that incorporate breath work, meditation, and movement for her patients and students alike. This unique blend of skills allows Dr. Richmond to provide comprehensive, compassionate care, fostering well-being in all she serves.

Chaplain Kevin Orie, DMin

Chaplain Kevin Orie serves as a chaplain at Hospice of the Chesapeake, offering spiritual and emotional care to patients facing life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones. Holding a Doctor of Ministry degree, specializing in chaplaincy studies from Lancaster Bible College, and a pastorate for nine years, he brings several years of experience in providing pastoral support in diverse settings. Chaplain Kevin was born in Florence, South Carolina, but was raised in Hampton, Virginia, and currently resides in Maryland with his wife of 17 years, two high schoolers and a plethora of animals, including two ducks and four chickens. He is a combat Army veteran (Desert Storm) and retired from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2007. He takes a particular interest in volunteering to honor veterans by participating in uniformed honor salutes to the veterans on hospice service. Chaplain Kevin is dedicated to creating a safe and supportive space for individuals to explore their spiritual beliefs, find comfort in their traditions, and navigate the emotional complexities of their journey. His approach is person-centered, respecting the unique spiritual and cultural backgrounds of each patient and family.

REVIEWER:

Angela Novas, MSN, RN, CRNP, ACHPN, *Senior Medical Officer*, Hospice Foundation of America

BIBLIOGRAPHY/REFERENCES:

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