Hospice Foundation of America's Program

END-OF-LIFE ETHICS: PATIENT OPTIONS

Self-Study ONLINE Course

DESCRIPTION

An engaging session on end-of-life options including Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD), Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED), and the request to discontinue implanted cardiac devices. After attending this presentation, participants will leave with a better understanding of the medical options and ethics surrounding the request for, and management of patients who chose end-of-life options to hasten their death.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Hospice Foundation of America has taken its popular webinar program and created a self-study course for professionals. The online presentation features an experienced professional offering his own expertise on the topic. On the screen, you will see the slide presentation and will be able to see and hear the expert presenter.

RELEASE DATE:	Program originally premiered June 11, 2024
ON DEMAND:	Viewing available to registered individuals for 6 months after purchase.
LENGTH:	90 minutes
CE HOURS:	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:	The course is useful to Health care clinicians, social service clinicians and others working in the hospice, palliative care, counseling, hospital, nursing home, funeral home or faith community environments

HOW THE ONLINE SELF-STUDY PROGRAM WORKS

Step 1 - Register/purchase the course
Step 2 - View the course online through the link in your confirmation email or in your account.
Step 3 - Follow the instructions provided to receive your CE certificate*.
*An evaluation and a short exam are a part of this process.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

A computer and reliable internet connection. Mobile service provider charges may apply.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION/FEES

Register directly online, on HFA's website: www.hospicefoundation.org.

There are no refunds on registration. *Few exceptions may occur depending on the circumstance. To request a refund, a written request must be received (and granted) by HFA.

REGISTRATION POLICY

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Provides one person, the registrant, access to the self-study course for personal viewing and continuing education. Discounts may be available for multiple viewers. Please check HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org for current pricing.

MATERIALS AREA

Course materials (Video, Program Slides, and Viewer Guide) are accessible to all registered individuals online immediately after registering. Download materials are available on HFA's website at https://hospicefoundation.org/Shop-HFA/My-Account, under "Orders/Courses."

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO:

1. List Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) eligibility criteria and explain the ethical and legal concepts surrounding this end-of-life option.
2. Define Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (VSED), discuss the importance of advance care planning for this end-of-life option, and recognize the palliative symptom needs and ethical challenges associated with this end-of-life option.
3. Define the different types of Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Devices (CIEDs) and summarize the ethical and legal considerations in their deactivation.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

- Medical Aid in Dying (30 min.)
    - Case 1 : A patient with a neurodegenerative disease who has lost the ability to swallow is requesting MAiD.
    - Case 2: A patient on hospice with a terminal cancer is requesting MAiD but the clinician is concerned about the patient's decision-making capacity.
- Voluntary Stopping Eating and Drinking (25 min.)
    - Case 1: Patient with terminal cancer autonomously decides to pursue VSED in their home environment.
    - Case 2: Patient with new diagnosis of dementia who is completing advance directives and considering adding an option for VSED with a Ulysses Clause.
- Deactivation of Pacemaker at the end of life (15 min.)
    - Case 1: Patient recently admitted to hospice with ESRD and HFrEF and is requesting deactivation of both PM and AICD.
    - Discuss the various CIEDs and the ethics surrounding deactivation of these devices.
- Q&A (20 min.)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This program is valid for 1.5 contact hours of continuing education. View the current list of board approvals on HFA's website at www.hospicefoundation.org, located on the program's registration page.

COURSE COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants must view the entire 90-minute program (online-streaming video). Partial credit is not awarded. Participants must also complete the entire CE process online before a certificate is awarded. The online CE process 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 SPEAKERS

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