

DRUG DIVERSION AND MISUSE IN HOSPICE CARE



DESCRIPTION:

Medication diversion and misuse in hospice care, as in any healthcare setting, must be recognized and addressed as part of a best practice approach to care. Dr. John Cagle will share evidence-based recommendations that he has developed for preventing medication diversion and misuse in hospice care. He and Natasha Fowlks, CHPN, will use case studies to look at how hospices can screen patients and caregivers for substance use disorder and the potential obstacles that diversion prevention efforts can create in providing effective pain management.

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:	November 10, 2026
TIME:	Noon to 1:30pm ET
ON DEMAND:	Available for 6 months; until May 10, 2027
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>

Registration Options

- Individual: Live and on-demand viewing for one person.
- Organization/company: Unlimited viewing for employees within a single location.
- Organization + community license: Unlimited viewing for employees and community members at up to 3 locations.

ADVANCE PURCHASE

- Individual Viewer — Member: FREE | Non-member: \$29.95
- Organizational Viewing — Member: FREE for up to 25 staff
- Organizational Viewing — Non-member: 1-12 staff – \$79.95 | 13-25 staff – \$135
- Organization + Community Access License: \$390

SAME DAY and ON-DEMAND PURCHASE

- Individual Viewer — Member: FREE | Non-member: \$39.95
 - Organizational Viewing — Member: FREE for up to 25 staff
 - Organizational Viewing — Non-member: 1-12 staff – \$89.95 | 13-25 staff – \$160.00
 - Organization + Community Access License: \$400
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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

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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 May 10, 2027.

A complete list of board approvals for this 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:

John Cagle, PhD, MSW, is an Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work with a substantive interest in improving care at the end of life. As a translational health services researcher, his efforts have focused on identifying effective models of care and support for dying patients and their families – and implementing those models into routine clinical practice. His research is informed by nearly a decade of clinical work as a hospice social worker. Dr. Cagle completed his PhD from Virginia Commonwealth University where his dissertation thesis explored the needs and experiences of informal caregivers of advanced cancer patients.

After being awarded his doctoral degree in 2008, he trained as an NIA-funded postdoctoral fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute on Aging as well as the University of California, San Francisco, Division of Geriatrics. His current research examines disparities in care at the end of life, psychosocial barriers to pain management, and improving palliative care outcomes in long-term care settings. His research has been supported by a number of public and private entities, including the Hospice Foundation of America, the National Palliative Care Research Center, the John A. Hartford Foundation, the National Institute on Aging, the Agency

for Healthcare Research and Quality, the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and the Foundation for Care at the End of Life.

Natasha Fowlks, RN, is the Executive Director of Hospice Atlanta, part of the Visiting Nurse Health System, where she leads hospice and palliative care services with compassion, clinical expertise, and a strong commitment to end-of-life advocacy. With more than a decade of experience in hospice care, she is a Certified Hospice & Palliative Nurse (CHPN) and maintains active nursing licenses in both New York and Georgia. Her leadership extends beyond her organization. Natasha has served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (GHPCO), active hospice council member for the National Alliance for Home Care, and is an active member of the leadership team at the Adult Children for Aging Parents (ACAP), where she contributes her expertise to advancing hospice and community-based healthcare at both the state and national levels. She also serves on the Board of the Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), Compliance leader with the Southern Care Collaborative, and is a member of Chi Eta Phi, Inc., a professional nursing sorority dedicated to excellence and service. Natasha is also an active speaker and community advocate, frequently engaging in educational events, professional conferences, and outreach initiatives to raise awareness about hospice and palliative care, nursing leadership, and equitable access to quality end-of-life services. Through these efforts, she amplifies the voice of patients, families, and caregivers while fostering greater understanding of the vital role hospice plays in healthcare.

REVIEWER:

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BIBLIOGRAPHY/REFERENCES:

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

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FOR QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR ADDRESSING GRIEVANCES

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