



National Voluntary Consensus Standards for Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care Steering Committee

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Russell A. Acevedo, MD

Medical Director ICU- Crouse Hospital

Dr. Acevedo is an Intensivist with 27 years of experience practicing full-time Critical Care. He was one of the original Educating Physicians in End-of-Life Care (EPEC) trainees through the AMA and has taught EPEC at annual American College of Chest Physicians (ACCP) CHEST meetings. He was program director for a web-based EPEC program sponsored by ACCP. For ACCP he has served on the first Palliative and End-of-Life Steering Committee and currently is on their Ethics Committee. His experience with performance measures comes from his involvement with the Health and Science Policy and Quality Improvement Committees of ACCP.

Eduardo Bruera, MD, FAAHPM

F.T. McGraw Chair in the Treatment of Cancer, Division of Cancer Medicine- The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Dr. Eduardo Bruera is Chair of the Department of Palliative Care and Rehabilitation Medicine at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. A medical oncologist, Dr. Bruera is a fellow of the American Association of Hospice & Palliative Medicine and has authored over six hundred publications. He is a world-recognized leader in end-of-life care and is dedicated to improving patient access to palliative care worldwide. Dr. Bruera has pioneered research in and clinical implementation of integrated palliative care approaches in Texas and Canada and has trained hundreds of physicians to use this innovative approach.

David Casarett, MD, MA

Associate Professor, VA Center for Health Equity Research and Promotion- University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

David Casarett MD MA has a Master's degree in medical anthropology, and has completed fellowships in ethics and in Palliative Medicine. He is an Associate Professor in the Division Geriatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, medical director for research and quality for the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, and founding Director of the VA's Comprehensive End-of-Life Care PROMISE Center. Dr. Casarett is also the author of *Last Acts: Discovering Possibility and Opportunity Near the End of Life*, which was published by Simon & Schuster in January, 2010.

Robert Fine, MD

Director, Office of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care- Baylor Health Care System

Dr. Fine is an internist, geriatrician and palliative medicine specialist, and the Clinical Director of the Office of Clinical Ethics and Palliative Care for Baylor Health Care System. He established the Baylor University Medical Center clinical ethics consultation service in 1985, and in 2004 established the Palliative Care Consultation Service, an AHA Circle of Life Honoree. Dr. Fine serves as Co-Chairperson of the Corporate Ethics Committee for VITAS Hospice, Miami, Florida, and was a leader in establishing the Texas Advance Directives Act, negotiating the first law in the country to provide an extra-judicial dispute resolution mechanism for end-of-life treatment decisions.

Richard D. Goldstein, MD, FAAP

Attending Physician, Pediatric Palliative Care- Dana Farber Cancer Institute

After 16 years as a primary care pediatrician, I have begun practicing palliative care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital Boston. I am interested in bringing a community-based perspective of children with life-threatening illnesses into the hospital and academic setting. My academic focus is on better understanding the palliative and end-of-life care being practiced by general pediatricians, and developing innovations that support and enhance their role while increasing awareness of the broader mission of pediatric palliative care. I am particularly interested in community-based interventions to improve the quality of life, and care, of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Sarah E. Hill, MA

System Manager, Palliative Care Initiatives- Ascension Health

As System Manager of Ascension Health's Palliative Care Initiatives, Sarah Hill oversees the development, implementation, and advancement of palliative care strategic goals for our system of sixty-nine hospitals in twenty states and DC and more than 500 other facilities. Sarah oversees the data design, collection and analysis process to ensure programmatic and organizational effectiveness of palliative care services system-wide, which covers five years of process and outcome measures. Sarah represents Ascension Health on the Board of the Supportive Care Coalition. She is also a representative member of the Coalition to Transform Advance Care and is on their Clinical Models Subgroups.

Sarah has a BA, MA and is working on her dissertation.

Pamela J. Kalen

Vice President, Membership & Member Services- National Business Group on Health

Pamela Kalen joined the National Business Group on Health in January 2002. She is responsible for managing all aspects of the membership process including member recruitment and retention, innovations in member benefits and assuring that the organization continues to meet the needs of its members. She also has responsibility for the Business Group's communications activities. Kalen has over 25 years of experience in association management, corporate health care purchasing issues, integrated delivery, and a focus on practical solutions. Pam has provided staff leadership to the Business Group's Pharmaceutical Council and currently staffs the Palliative and End of Life Work Group. This workgroup is comprised of representatives from large corporations and has worked together to develop tools for improving awareness of palliative care and end of life care as part of the overall health, wellness and plan design strategy for employees. She received her master of Business Administration degree and Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland.

Naomi Karp, JD

Senior Strategic Policy Advisor- AARP Public Pol Inst

Naomi Karp, J.D., is Senior Strategic Policy Advisor at AARP's Public Policy Institute. She conducts research, develops policy and supports advocacy regarding advance care planning, end-of-life care, elder abuse, guardianship, and legal issues. Karp's studies include:

- " Implementation of POLST protocol for advanced illness;
- " Protections for adults with diminished capacity;
- " Health care decision-making for unbefriended elders; and
- " Dementia and Medicare managed care.

From 1988-2005, she staffed the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, and previously was a legal services attorney. She received her B.A. from University of Michigan and her law degree from Northeastern University.

Mark Leenay, MD

Chief Medical Officer, Care Solutions- OptumHealth

Chief Medical Officer, Care Solutions, OptumHealth: responsible for clinical policy in wellness, case management, disease management, and specialty networks. Board certified in family medicine, geriatrics, and hospice and palliative care. Academic appointment at University of Minnesota. Formerly, CMO of Medicare and Retirement for United Healthcare with accountability for clinical programs, medical payment policy, provider disputes and relationships. Also served as director of palliative care for large system and served 10 years in family practice.

Michael Lepore, PhD

Planetree

Michael Lepore is a medical sociologist and health services researcher with expertise in gerontology. As Planetree's Director of Quality, Research, and Evaluation, and an Investigator in Community Health at Brown University, Michael's work helps to meld research and practice, informing practice with the knowledge of research, and infusing research with real-world application. Michael's research focuses on issues relevant to quality and equity in long-term care, including hospice use and end-of-life care, person-centered care, and staffing. Michael also provides research and consultation services to long-term and acute care settings with a consistent focus on improving quality and equity.

Solomon Liao, MD

Director of Palliative Care Services- University of California, Irvine

Dr. Liao is an Associate Professor and Director of Palliative Care Services at the University of California, Irvine (UCI). He completed his medical school at UCI, Internal Medicine residency at Northwestern, and Geriatric fellowship at UCLA. He is board certified in Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine and has practiced in Palliative Medicine for over 14 years. Dr. Liao is the treasurer of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM), a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, and editor of AAHPM's Hospice and Palliative Medicine Practice Assessment & Self Study.

June Lunney, PhD RN

Director of Research- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

Dr. June Lunney has extensive experience with palliative care issues. She organized the 1997 NIH workshop "Management of Symptoms at the End of Life" and lead the effort to establish funds for palliative care research at NIH. She has analyzed costs and use of care at the end of life for MEDPAC and was lead author on the 2003 IOM report "Describing Death in America". She chaired the Planning Committee for the 2004 NIH State of the Science Conference "Improving End-of-Life Care" and advised the DHHS for the project "Informing End-of-Life Care in Medicare".

Stephen Lutz, MD

Radiation Oncologist- Blanchard Valley Regional Cancer Center

Dr. Stephen Lutz is one of only a small number of Radiation Oncologists who is also board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He has served as the liaison between the US radiotherapy and palliative care communities for the past several years. His main research interests have included the formation of palliative radiotherapy treatment guidelines as well as the collaboration between the two specialties with regards to research, education, and patient advocacy.

Helene Martel, MA

Director, Elder Care & Palliative Care- Kaiser Permanente

Helene Martel, MA, is the Director for Elder Care and Palliative Care with Kaiser Permanente's Care Management Institute in Oakland, California. She works closely with both physician and operational leads across Kaiser Permanente to translate evidence-based best practices and research into sustainable programs. Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Helene spent eight years with Blue Shield of California's Health Improvement Program with a special focus on older members and their family caregivers. This work was preceded by seven years working with a national family caregiver organization, Family Caregiver Alliance in San Francisco. Helene has a Master's degree in Applied Gerontology from San Francisco State University.

Sean Morrison, MD

Director- Mount Sinai School of Medicine - Dept. of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine

Dr. R. Sean Morrison is Director of the National Palliative Care Research Center, a national organization devoted to increasing the evidence base of palliative care in the United States. He is also the Vice-Chair of Research; Professor of Geriatrics and Medicine; and Hermann Merkin Professor of Palliative Medicine in the Brookdale Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. During 2009-2010, he served as President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Naomi Naierman, MPA

President and CEO- American Hospice Foundation

Ms. Naierman has been an executive in the hospice field for over 25 years. Before coming to the Foundation, she served for 11 years as the Executive Director of the Hospice Council of Metropolitan Washington, a regional association of hospices dedicated to consumer education. At the American Hospice Foundation since 1995, she has been responsible for forming its founding board of directors, developing long range plans, and raising the national visibility of the organization. Ms. Naierman is the author of numerous articles and has lectured before a wide variety of audiences. She has been interviewed on national television, radio, and newspapers, including NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, and ABC's Good Morning America with Diane Sawyer.

Douglas Nee, PharmD, MS

Clinical Specialist- OptiMed, Inc.

Douglas Nee, PharmD, MS, is a clinical specialist with a practice focus in hospice and palliative care. Dr. Nee is a Faculty Scholar through the Harvard Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice. He is a member and previous Chair of the Section Advisory Group on Pain Management and Palliative Care for the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. Dr. Nee is a member of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties task force on "Pain and Palliative Care Role Delineation". He has authored book chapters, published articles, and lectures at state and national levels on pain management, palliative, and end-of-life care.

Kathleen M. O'Malley

Senior Program Officer- California HealthCare Foundation

Kathleen (Kate) O'Malley is a senior program officer in CHCF's Better Chronic Disease Care program, and leads the Foundation's work on improving care at the end of life. Kate holds a master's degree in health education from San Francisco State University, and certification as a geriatric nurse practitioner from UCSF and is a Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN®). Prior to joining CHCF, she supported nursing home quality improvement as collaborative director for educational development with Lumetra in San Francisco. Earlier experience includes work with the American Cancer Society, and the innovative On Lok Senior Health Services in San Francisco.

Tina Picchi, MA, BCC

Executive Director, Supportive Care Coalition- Supportive Care Coalition

As a board certified chaplain Ms. Picchi has considerable experience in leading spiritual care, mission integration and palliative care programs for chronically and critically ill patients. Ms. Picchi has successfully facilitated and directed many quality initiatives to improve services provided for palliative care and end-of-life care patients and their families across the continuum including advance health care planning, pain and symptom management, critical care innovations and psycho-social and spiritual care needs. In her present position, Ms. Picchi serves as Executive Director of a national coalition comprised of twenty Catholic health care organizations.

Tracy A. Schroepfer, PhD

Professor- University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Social Work

Tracy Schroepfer, associate professor of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison is a researcher, educator, experienced practitioner and expert consultant who is examining culturally appropriate practices to meet psychosocial and spiritual needs of terminally ill elders, and is studying the reduction of cancer health disparities in medically underserved communities, including Native American communities. Current projects include 1) determination of the role of control in the dying process, 2) development of an instrument assessing psychosocial and spiritual needs of terminally ill elders, and 3) assessment of access and quality of cancer care in medically underserved communities to develop culturally specific interventions.

