

# Cardiology

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This Learning Pathway includes training and tools for cardiology teams to improve quality of life along the trajectory of heart disease. It includes continuing education courses in how to communicate with patients about their goals of care, support difficult decision-making, manage symptoms, and when to refer to specialty palliative care.

## **Discussing Serious News**

Learn best practices for having patient-centered conversations about a serious illness diagnosis.

## **Discussing Prognosis With Patients and Caregivers**

Learn how to effectively discuss prognosis with patients and their caregivers.

## **Clarifying Patient Goals of Care**

Learn best practices for building trust, eliciting patient values, and having patient-centered conversations about goals of care.

## **Leading a Patient and Caregiver Meeting**

Learn to effectively lead meetings that help patients and caregivers become aligned around the patient's goals.

## **Care Planning**

Learn techniques to help patients and their caregivers plan for the future, both during the early stages of a serious illness and as a disease progresses.

## **Billing and Coding for Advance Care Planning (ACP) Services**

Requirements, best practices, documentation requirements, and time thresholds for Advance Care Planning (ACP) services. Center to Advance Palliative Care, January 2024.

## **CAPC Palliative Care Referral Criteria**

Checklist of triggers for referral to a specialty palliative care team.

### **Dyspnea in Patients with Serious Illness**

Take this online course to learn how to manage dyspnea, including the physical causes of shortness of breath and the emotional impact on the patient.

### **Course 14: Pain Management: Putting it All Together**

Safe opioid prescribing for patients with serious illness, using the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Guidelines for the Chronic Use of Opioid Analgesics.

### **Supporting the Family Caregiver: The Burden of Serious Illness**

Assessing and supporting caregivers of people with serious illness.

### **Reducing Risks for Older Adults**

This course provides context and best practices for identifying older adults at risk for poor outcomes, including falls, delirium, and caregiving challenges.

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