

# Hospital Medicine

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In the busy day of a hospitalist, complex patients can lead to a backlog in daily rounds, delayed discharges, and inadequate time to communicate with patients and families. Expertise in symptom management and conversations about care priorities allow hospitalists to efficiently address common gaps in care for people living with serious illness, and to identify patients that would benefit from a palliative care referral.

Visit the Society for Hospital Medicine's [Resource Room for Palliative Care](#) to access additional resources for hospitalists.

## **Discussing Serious News**

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

## **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.

## **Improving Quality of Care for Seriously Ill Patients: Opportunities for Hospitalists**

Journal of Hospital Medicine, December 2017.

## **CAPC Palliative Care Referral Criteria**

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

## **Course 1: Comprehensive Pain Assessment**

Conducting a comprehensive pain assessment to guide safe and effective treatment.

## **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.

## **Prescribing Opioids: A Pocket Reference**

Opioid pocket reference for providers including safe starting doses, equianalgesic chart, and standard dosing strengths.

## 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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