

# Primary Care

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

## **Introduction to Palliative Care for Health Professionals**

An introduction to palliative care, how it is delivered, its impact on quality of life, and the growing population of patients who need it.

## **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.

## **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.

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

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

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

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

## **Course 13: Managing Pain in Patients At Risk for Substance Use Disorder**

Pain management for patients with serious illness and high risk for substance use disorder, including risk assessment, monitoring, and when to refer for safe pain management.

### **Billing Outpatient Tip Sheet**

Quick reference to help clinicians with clinic based outpatient billing and coding.

### **CAPC Palliative Care Referral Criteria**

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

### **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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