

Primary Care

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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