

Resources on End-of-Life Care

Aging with Dignity (Five Wishes) <http://www.agingwithdignity.org>

The Aging with Dignity Web site contains the Five Wishes, a document that helps the aging express their final wishes and, unlike other living wills and advanced directives, sees to all of the person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual.

American Geriatrics Society <http://www.americangeriatrics.org/index.shtml>

The American Geriatric Society has a long history of effecting change in the provision of health care for older adults. In the last decade, the Society has become a pivotal force in shaping attitudes, policies and practices regarding health care for older people.

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine <http://www.aahpm.org/>

An International organization of physicians dedicated to the advancement of hospice and palliative medicine in the management of the terminally ill.

American Hospice Organization <http://www.americanhospice.org>

The American Hospice Foundation is the voice of those who face life-limiting illness and significant loss. The foundation advances the hospice concept of care and promotes hospices that seek to meet growing and complex needs. By forging new partnerships at the local and national levels, the foundation ensures the availability of hospice care for many who might otherwise fall through widening gaps.

American Medical Association (AMA) <http://www.ama-assn.org>

Articles published in AMA publications, including JAMA, relating to palliative, hospice, and improving end-of-life care for patients, are available through the EPERC Search option.

American Pain Society <http://www.ampainsoc.org>

A multidisciplinary educational and scientific organization serving people in pain by advancing research, education, treatment, and professional practice.

Association for Death Education and Counseling <http://www.adecc.org>

The Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to improving the quality of death education and death-related counseling to and care-giving; to promoting the development and interchange of related theory and research; and to providing support, and interchange of related theory and research; and to providing support, stimulation and encouragement to its members and those studying and working in death-related fields. ADEC provides opportunities for its

members to develop professional identities as death educators and grief counselors while taking an active role in educating the public on death-related issues.

Center for Applied Ethics and Professional Practice <http://www.caep.org/>
Research and clinical practice activities focusing on improving clinical practice in bioethics, pain management, and end-of-life care.

City of Hope Pain/Palliative Care Resource Center <http://mayday.coh.org>
City of Hope Pain/Palliative Care Resource Center Nursing Research and Education Website, serves as a clearinghouse to disseminate information and resources that will enable other individuals and institutions to improve the quality of pain management.

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/el nec/>
The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project is a comprehensive, national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses, and is funded by a major grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Major project goals are to develop a core of expert nursing educators and to coordinate national nursing efforts in end-of-life care.

Foundation Center <http://fdncenter.org>
The mission of the Foundation Center is to foster public understanding of the foundation field by collecting, organizing, analyzing, and disseminating information on foundations, corporate giving, and related subjects.

Grief Journal <http://www.griefjournal.com/>
This site gives an overview of The Grief Journal by Linda Andrezzi, in which the author offers her story as a guide to help others write their own story. Information on how to order The Grief Journal is offered.

GriefNet.org <http://griefnet.org/>
This web site is an internet community of persons dealing with grief, death and major loss. There are 37 e-mail support groups supervised by Cendra Lynn, Ph.D., a clinical grief psychologist, death educator and traumatologist from Michigan. The site is supported by volunteers and donations of individuals and organizations. The site offers a variety of written resources that are free of charge, as well as a newsletter. The site also provides links to other related sites. GriefNet is operated as a nonprofit corporation under the name of Rivendell Resources.

Harvard Medical School Program in Palliative Care Education and Practice

<http://www.hms.harvard.edu/cdi/pallcare/>

Offers intensive learning experiences for physician and nurse educators who wish to become experts in the clinical practice and teaching of comprehensive, interdisciplinary palliative care, as well as gain expertise in leading and managing improvements in palliative care education and practice at their own institutions.

Health A to Z <http://www.healthatoz.com>

A public education website with definition and discussion about palliative care and hospice.

Hospice Foundation of America <http://www.hospicefoundation.org>

Hospice Foundation of America is a not-for-profit organization that provides leadership in the development and application of hospice and its philosophy of care. Through programs of professional development, research, public education and information Hospice Foundation of America assists those who cope either personally or professional with terminal illness, death and the process of grief.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization <http://www.caringinfo.org/>

Provides free consumer focused documents (e.g. Advance Directive) and other community outreach tools and resources for organizations promoting quality end-of life.

National Reference Center for Bioethics Literature

<http://www.georgetown.edu/research/nrcbl/>

Specialized collection of books, journals, newspaper articles, legal materials, regulations, codes, government publications, and other relevant documents concerned with issues in biomedical and professional ethics.

New Hope Center for Grief Support <http://www.newhopecenter.net>

This is the site for the New Hope Center for Grief Support. The Center was founded by Cathy Clough, a former Hospice Director of Bereavement Services. The center offers groups for adults, children and teens, led by professionals or trained volunteer facilitators. The center's philosophy is based on Christian principles.

On Our Own Terms <http://www.pbs.org/onourown/terms>

In depth assortment of articles written by experts in the field on end-of-life care.

Palliative Care Nursing <http://www.palliativecarenursing.net>

Through a partnership between the Institute for Johns Hopkins Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau International, a new website has been developed to provide nurses with access to resources for palliative and end-of-life care. This site is a work in progress - there will be many additions and improvements in the months to come.

Patient Communications <http://www.patientcommunications.com>

This site is dedicated to improving clinician-patient communication skills by providing tools, links and information for educators and providers.

Supportive Care of the Dying <http://www.careofdying.org/>

The Supportive Care of the Dying coalition develops and tests innovative projects and provides support to member organizations as they initiate systemic change in the care of persons affected by life-threatening illness.

The End of Life: Exploring Death in America <http://www.npr.org/programs/death/>

National Public Radio's transcript of programs in its ongoing series about death and dying in America are available on the Web site, along with a resource guide and personal stories posted by visitors to the site.

The Grief Recovery Institute <http://www.grief-recovery.com/>

This web site offers information on the Institute's Grief Recovery Certification Program, professional training which encompasses the principals and actions developed over the past 25 years by John W. James and Russell Friedman, the founders of The Grief Recovery Institute, Grief Recovery Personal Workshops, and books Published by The Grief Recovery Institute.

The Holistic Healing Web Page <http://www.holisticmed.com/www/death.html>

This site provides various links related to holistic and alternative medicine. Death Preparation and Grieving links are provided.

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization <http://www.nhpco.org/>

The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization is the largest nonprofit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the US. The organization is committed to improving end-of-life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life or people dying in America and their loved ones.

World Health Organization (WHO) Programme on Cancer Control

<http://www.who.int/ncd/cancer/index.htm>

WHO publications, documents, and abstracts related to cancer pain, terminal illness and palliative care.

Courtesy: http://www.iog.wayne.edu/resources_endoflife.php