

Understanding the Needs of the Dying

Bringing Hope, Comfort and Love to Life’s Final Chapter

David Kessler, best-selling author, collaborator with the legendary Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, and well-known expert on palliative care, hospice and end-of-life issues will provide you the newest information on death, grief and deathbed phenomena ... real, tested, engaging information you will not find anywhere else.

Delve deeper into the mysteries of life and death exploring key topics

- New studies on deathbed visions, and the role they play in end-of-life care
- Tools for sensitivity and discretion for balancing wishes of the dying and family with medical, ethical and legal considerations
- Communication strategies for necessary difficult and emotion conversations
- Deeper insight on how anticipatory grief shapes end-of-life experiences
- Understand why children are often the forgotten griever, and how to help
- Cultural differences and new sensitivity to care
- Assisted suicide

It’s guaranteed to be a day that will enhance your work as a caregiver and David will provide so much insight, tools, strategies and inspiring information, you’ll look forward to the next day at your work ... so you can immediately begin to use all you have learned.

David’s very presence with those approaching death was like being enveloped in a safe, cozy space. No harm could come to you if David was around. In fact, I recently asked him to be there when it is my time to go.

— Louise L. Hay, the New York Times best-selling author of *You Can Heal Your Life*

Objectives

1. Articulate ways to meet common needs of the dying across many health care settings
2. Discriminate the differences and commonalities of palliative and hospice care models
3. Ascertain the meaning of anticipatory grief and how it shapes the end of life experience for patients and families
4. Evaluate and resolve conflict regarding advance directives and code status
5. Develop tools to help children cope with a loved one dying
6. Articulate the role of spirituality in the last years of life

Outline

Signs of Impending Death

Preparing family for physical changes
Interventions for coping with emotional changes in the family
Using near death awareness as a predictor in clinical settings

Palliative Care Model

Academic settings vs community
Physician led vs non physician led
Roles of physician, nurse, social worker, case manager, discharge planner, clergy
What’s best - hospital, home health, hospice, skilled nursing facility
Joint commission certification

Hospice

Removing barriers
How hospice can increase length of stay while decreasing hospital time
Bereavement services to enhance community partnerships

Death Related Sensory Experiences (Death Bed Visions)

Effective and ineffective models for family coping and integration
Religion in patients’ deathbed visions
Using the law to normalize the dying experience
Clinical/palliative care studies, research of near death awareness

Advance Directives

Physician order for life sustaining treatment
Make advance directives useful and medically effective
D.N.R. (do not resuscitate) vs. A.N.D.(allow natural death)
Code status and impact on the grieving process

Anticipatory Grief

Treatment strategies for hospice, palliative care and mental health care professionals
Tools for normalizing

Helping the Dying Patient’s Children

How the media shapes a child’s view of death
Tools for preparing a child for loss
Interventions for coping with funerals
Why children are often the forgotten griever and how to help

The Ethics Committee and End of Life

How and when to use your ethics committee
How and why members of the end of life team can participate
Techniques for helping families get the most out of the ethics meetings
Avoid the common pitfalls of ethics committees at the end of life

Hope and Miracles

How to help families integrate desire for miracles at the end of life
Techniques for honoring hope without fostering denial

Cultural Differences

Affecting care of the dying
Tools for successfully bridging the gap with healthcare providers and families

The Question of Assisted Suicide

Understanding the current debate
The realities of withdrawing care vs assisted suicide
Learn techniques for addressing patient’s requests for assisted suicide within the facilities and health care provider’s beliefs system



“This (David’s) book is a source of reflection over that most mysterious and beautiful moment which awaits us all.”
— Mother Teresa



Live Seminar Schedule (Both Days)

8:00 Registration/Morning Coffee & Tea
8:30 Program begins
12:00-1:00 Lunch (*on your own*)
4:00 Program ends

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