

# E·L·N·E·C Connections

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## End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

### Welcome to the Spring 2006 Issue!

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium is pleased to bring you the spring 2006 issue of *ELNEC Connections*, a quarterly newsletter to showcase efforts in end-of-life nursing education. This newsletter spotlights project developments and provides resources that may be useful to you as an ELNEC trainer. ELNEC is a national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses. The project, which began in February 2000, was funded by a major grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Additional funding has been received from the National Cancer Institute, and Aetna, Archstone, and California Healthcare Foundations. ELNEC is administered through a partnership between the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the City of Hope National Medical Center (COH).

### Critical Care and Geriatric Nursing Curriculum Development Courses Scheduled

Excellent end-of-life/palliative care education is essential in critical care and geriatric settings. Specific curricula are being developed to meet the unique needs of critical care and elderly patients and their families.

Meg Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN, Nurse Practitioner in Palliative Care and Clinical Ethics at Detroit Receiving Hospital, and Connie Dahlin, APRN, BC, PCM, Advanced Practice Nurse in Palliative Care Services at the Massachusetts General Hospital, are the co-lead consultants on the ELNEC-Critical Care Project. They are working on the curriculum, including the development of case studies and other supplemental teaching strategies to meet the everyday needs of critical care nurses. The first ELNEC-Critical Care course will be held on November 13-15, 2006 in Pasadena, CA. Two other courses will be offered in 2007.



Meg Campbell



Connie Dahlin

co-investigator for the ELNEC-Geriatric training program.

Mary is currently the principal investigator of the Palliative Care Education Resource Team (PERT) project focused on enhancing the palliative care knowledge, skills, and confidence of nursing home staff and nursing assistants. Mary has served as a hospice and palliative care nurse for over 17 years. City of Hope recently received funding from the California HealthCare Foundation to develop the curriculum for ELNEC-Geriatric. In addition, funding will be provided for the first course, which will be held January 31-February 2, 2007 in Long Beach, CA for California nurses only. Future courses are being planned for nurses outside of California.



Mary Ersek

For more information, visit the ELNEC Web site: [www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC).

### Upcoming ELNEC Training Courses

#### 2006 Courses

April 19-21: Core, Kansas City, MO  
June 21-23: Graduate, Pasadena, CA  
August 2-4: Pediatric Palliative Care, Anaheim, CA  
September 13-15: Oncology, Pasadena, CA  
October 12-14: Core, Washington, DC  
November 8-9: Oncology, IOL, Pittsburg, PA  
November 13-15: Critical Care, Pasadena, CA

#### 2007 Courses

January 17-19: Critical Care, Pasadena, CA  
January 31-February 2: Geriatric (for CA nurses only), Long Beach, CA  
March 7-9: Core, Pasadena, CA  
April 2-4: Critical Care, Washington, DC  
May 22-24: Core, Honolulu, HI  
August 1-3: Pediatric Palliative Care, Anaheim, CA  
September 12-14: Oncology, Pasadena, CA  
October 17-19: Core, Washington, DC

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# ELNEC-Oncology

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## Rose Virani to be Honored at ONS Congress

In May, Rose Virani, ELNEC Project Director and Senior Research Specialist at the City of Hope National Medical Center, will receive two prestigious awards at the Oncology Nursing Society's (ONS) annual Congress in Boston, MA. The first award Rose will receive is the Mary Nowotny Excellence in Cancer Nursing Education Award. This award is named in memory of Dr. Mary Nowotny, a past chair of the ONS Education Committee and a well-known oncology nurse educator. The second award Rose will receive is the Excellence in Supportive Care Award. This award recognizes her excellence and dedication to supportive care. "Receiving the ONS Excellence in Supportive Care Award has a special meaning for me and the ELNEC team in knowing the awareness and the impact that this project has on nursing palliative care education and the care of dying patients and their families," said Rose.



Rose Virani

## ELNEC-Oncology Trainers to Present at ONS Congress

Michelle Gabriel and Agnes Wong will present "Disseminating End-of-Life Education to Oncology Nurses Using the ELNEC-Oncology Curriculum" at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual

Congress of ONS. Michelle and Agnes will share two approaches they used as a means of disseminating palliative care education to the San Francisco Bay Area ONS chapter. They will discuss how they published information about the various ELNEC modules in their local and neighboring chapter newsletters. They will also discuss the palliative care dinner series that was organized every three to four months, with each dinner's lecture based on one of the ELNEC modules.

## Last NCI-Funded ELNEC-Oncology Course to be Held in September

• September 13-15, 2006

Pasadena, CA (Free registration and \$350 airfare stipend)

To download the application, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/06Courses.htm>



## ELNEC-Oncology to be Presented at 2006 IOL

If you have been unable to attend an NCI-funded ELNEC-Oncology course, consider attending the Institute of Learning (IOL) Pre-conference, November 8-9, 2006 in Pittsburgh, PA. Further information on this course will be available after June 1, 2006.

# ELNEC-Pediatric

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**Barbara Zenker**, [Barbara.Zenker@stvgb.org](mailto:Barbara.Zenker@stvgb.org)

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*Green Bay, WI*

Over the past 9 months, Barb has been teaching one ELNEC-PPC module per month. All totaled, 94 health care professionals have attended (including physicians, nurses, EMT's, paramedics, social workers, physical therapists, child life specialists, and genetic counselors). In August 2005, St. Vincent Hospital began a pediatric palliative care service titled "Quality In Life Team" (QUILT). Barb has learned much since this team was developed. She states that it truly must be a team effort to succeed and that administrative and educator support is vital. She is grateful for all the support the QUILT service has received.

**Ayda Nambayan**, [Ayda.Nambayan@stjude.org](mailto:Ayda.Nambayan@stjude.org)

*St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*

*Memphis, TN*

Shanghai Children's Medical Center (SCMC), a partner of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital International Outreach Program (IOP), recently started using the Cure4Kids ELNEC program. In November 2005, SCMC sponsored an oncology nursing conference that included a session on palliative care. The conference leader chose the module on Symptom Management. Following the seminar presentation, the IOP staff joined the meeting via telemedicine, which resulted in a two-hour discussion and sharing of palliative care for children. There were 40 participants in Shanghai and six IOP staff in attendance. A similar set-up is being scheduled in Guatemala.

## Final Aetna-Funded ELNEC-PPC Course to be held in August



August 2-4, 2006

California Paradise Pier Hotel Disneyland

Anaheim, CA (Registration is partially covered by the Aetna Foundation)

To download the application, go to <http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC/06Courses.htm>

# ELNEC-Graduate

## Barbara Edlund is Program Coordinator of New Palliative Care Project

Barbara Edlund, PhD, ANP, BC has used her ELNEC-Graduate training to enhance her teaching in many different ways. But perhaps one of the most impressive ways she has made a difference in her college and community is through her work as the Principal Investigator of a three-year, \$600,000 grant by the Bureau of Health Professions/Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)'s Division of Nursing to prepare Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP) in Primary Care and Palliative Care. In July 2004, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Nursing became one of only six nursing programs in the nation at that time, and the only one in the Southeast, to offer a Palliative Care Program.



Barbara Edlund

The need for health care professionals trained in primary care and palliative care is great in South Carolina. Of the 46 counties in the state 45 have been designated as medically underserved. South Carolina is the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing state in the nation in terms of the 65 and older population, and one of 13 states with the highest poverty rates for older individuals, particularly rural minorities. Further, in South Carolina only about 0.3% of nurses are certified in palliative care. Among physicians in South Carolina, only 1.3% are certified in palliative medicine. Clearly, MUSC's program to prepare nurse practitioners in primary and palliative care responds to national initiatives and the need in the state of South Carolina for access to both primary care and palliative care.

This new program offers a unique pairing of specialties that will enable the ANP to manage primary care needs as well as the patient's symptoms as disease progresses. It also offers students the opportunity to earn specialty training in palliative care, while also completing their course work in the ANP track. At the end of their study, students are then eligible to sit for dual certification as an ANP and a Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner. Students having already received their master's degree may also return to take only the palliative care coursework. The college of nursing accepted their first class of students in August, 2004, with five students enrolled in the joint ANP and Palliative Care program.

Through her role as program coordinator, Barbara has had wonderful opportunities to make a difference in her community, too. She has worked with many area agencies to provide clinical settings for her students. Barbara has linked the Hospice of Charleston, the Hollings Cancer Center, Veteran's Administration Hospital, and the Palliative Care Support Service at Medical University Hospital. Thanks to Barbara and her colleagues at MUSC College of Nursing, ANPs in Primary Care will be able to provide more competent and compassionate care to those who are seriously ill. For more information on this project, please contact Barbara at [edlundb@musc.edu](mailto:edlundb@musc.edu).

## Two New Data Based Papers Published

Data based papers from the ELNEC-Graduate and ELNEC-Core training programs have recently been published in two journals:

- Paice, J.A., Ferrell, B.R., Virani, R., Grant, M., Malloy, P., & Rhome, A. (2006) Graduate nursing education regarding end-of-life care: Solutions to an urgent need. *Nursing Outlook*, 54(1), 46-52.
- Malloy, P., Ferrell, B.R., Virani, R., Uman, G., Rhome, A., Whitlatch, B., & Bednash, G. (2006). Evaluation of end-of-life nursing education for continuing education and clinical staff development educators. *Journal for Nurses in Staff Development*, 22(1), 31-36.

## Final NCI Grant-Funded ELNEC-Graduate Course to be Held in June

On June 21-23, 2006, 74 graduate nursing faculty from 35 states representing 73 graduate schools of nursing will come to Pasadena, CA for the ELNEC-Graduate course. After the June course, a total of 294 graduate nursing faculty, representing 272 (62%) of the 438 U.S. graduate nursing schools will have completed this train-the-trainer program. Faculty have reported that they have taken the ELNEC-Graduate curriculum back to their schools and have instructed a variety of advanced practice RNs in excellent end-of-life/palliative care.



Don't forget - if you change your e-mail address, notify the ELNEC Project Office so we can keep you updated on the latest ELNEC news.

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# ELNEC Trainer Roundup

Here is a synopsis of what some trainers have been doing since their ELNEC participation. **Please send updates on your ELNEC activities, including pictures of your training activities, to the Project Office at [pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu](mailto:pmalloy@aacn.nche.edu) by May 1, 2006 for the Summer issue.**

## **Annie Durkin, [durkin@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:durkin@son.umaryland.edu)**

*University of Maryland and Potomac Valley Nursing Home  
Baltimore, MD*

Annie has begun teaching ELNEC at Potomac Valley Nursing Home. Over 50 people attended the first session. Most were nurses, but representatives from social work, psychiatry, and administration were also present.

## **Rosemary Crawford, [RCrawford@ajh.org](mailto:RCrawford@ajh.org)**

*Anna Jaques Hospital (AJH)  
Newburyport, MA*



An interdisciplinary group of thirteen AJH hospice staff members recently became the second group to complete ELNEC training. A third session began in January 2006 with additional trainings scheduled for March, May and June 2006. Rosemary has the privilege to work with other ELNEC trainers at AJH. They are Katherine Wysong, Eileen Fagan, and Paula Lane.

## **New Jersey and Connecticut Develop State-Wide ELNEC Coalitions**

ELNEC trainers from the states of New Jersey and Connecticut have organized themselves to identify trainers in their states and develop collaborations and coalitions to improve end-of-life and palliative care education.

On March 23 and 24, 2006, the New Jersey End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (NJ-ELNEC) held its first Annual Conference of the NJ-ELNEC in Atlantic City, NJ titled *Beyond Dying: Palliative Care Across the Life Span*. ELNEC trainers from across the state of New Jersey assisted in organizing and teaching at this conference. Connecticut ELNEC trainers are also collaborating on end-of-life education programming for nurses. The Connecticut Coalition of End-of-Life Nurse Educators (CCELNE) has contacted most of the ELNEC trainers in their state and 24 have expressed interest in collaborating on end-of-life education programming for nurses. In 2006, the coalition plans to hold four separate programs, in different parts of the state, covering the entire ELNEC curriculum.

For more information on the state-wide coalitions of ELNEC trainers, contact Joanne Robinson, [robinson@nightingale.rutgers.edu](mailto:robinson@nightingale.rutgers.edu), Sharon Wallace Stark, [swstark@monmouth.edu](mailto:swstark@monmouth.edu) (NJ-ELNEC) or Patricia Trotta at [Patricia.Trotta@cancer.org](mailto:Patricia.Trotta@cancer.org) (CCELNE).

## **Second Archstone-Funded Course Draws 127 Participants**

On February 15-17, 2006, 127 participants from 56 various institutions and 29 cities/towns in California attended the second ELNEC-Core training program funded by the Archstone Foundation. The first course was held in October 2005. So far a total of 237 healthcare providers, representing 79 California cities/towns and 124 various institutions have attended ELNEC-Core course sponsored by the Archstone Foundation. Many of these trainers have gone back to their institutions to provide ELNEC training to their colleagues.

## **Did You Know?**

Over the past three months, 26 ELNEC trainers have notified the ELNEC Project Office about their upcoming ELNEC courses. These trainers represent 20 states and will offer 21 ELNEC training courses and five ELNEC train-the-trainer courses. A total of 1,037 participants will be trained in excellent end-of-life/palliative care. Various members of the interdisciplinary team representing a variety of clinical areas (i.e. acute care facilities, clinics, home health, hospice, palliative care, long-term care facilities, etc.) will be attending these courses.

If you are planning an ELNEC course in the future, remember to fill-out the notification form and return it to the ELNEC project office. The form is located on the ELNEC Web site: visit [www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC) and click-on "Planning an ELNEC Course."

## **Two ELNEC-Core Courses of Offered in 2006**

- April 19-21  
Marriott Airport Hotel  
Kansas City, MO
- October 12-14.  
Marriott Washington-Dulles  
Airport Hotel  
Dulles, VA  
(outside of Washington, DC)



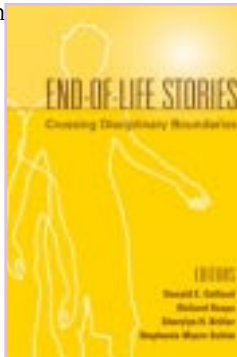
For registration forms and more information, go to [www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC](http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC).

# Inspiration, News & Resources

## ELNEC Trainer Edits EOL Book

Stephanie Myers Schim has edited a book entitled *End-of-Life Stories: Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries*. Stephanie has worked with her interdisciplinary colleagues from Wayne State University to provide this resource. People experience dying as they experience living—through stories. Human beings are story-making creatures. We make sense of what is happening all around us and inside us through the tales we tell. We construct meaning through the stories we hear and those we tell about ourselves and others. This innovative new book contributes to end-of-life understanding by sharing stories of individuals, families, and communities dealing with death and dying. The tales are told by health care providers from their direct practice experiences and from the patients and families themselves. Each story is then considered from the diverse angles and perspectives of academics, service providers, family members, lawyers, economists and many other representing broad multi-disciplinary interests in the last stages of life.

Order this book on-line at: [http://www.springerpub.com/prod.aspx?prod\\_id=26758](http://www.springerpub.com/prod.aspx?prod_id=26758). To contact Stephanie directly send and email to [s.schim@wayne.edu](mailto:s.schim@wayne.edu).



## CAPC Tools for Palliative Care Programs

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC), has assembled a collection of tools to assist in designing, strengthening, maintaining and defending palliative care programs. They are free to registered users of the CAPC Web site. To see all available tools, visit [www.capc.org](http://www.capc.org).

## National Geriatrics and Palliative Care Conference

Kaiser Permanente is hosting a “National Geriatrics and Palliative Care Conference,” November 2-5, 2006 in Anaheim, CA. For information, contact C. James Kinsman at [charles.james.kinsman@kp.org](mailto:charles.james.kinsman@kp.org) / 510-891-3809.

## Want to Spice-up Your ELNEC Training Programs?

Are you looking for something with high-energy right after lunch? ELNEC trainer, Marylou Martin has developed an ELNEC Jeopardy game that participants have enjoyed. For more information on this game, contact Marylou at [MMartin@mcleodhealth.org](mailto:MMartin@mcleodhealth.org)



## NIH “State-of-the-Science” on Improving End-of-Life Care Published

The proceedings of a very important and timely National Institutes of Health (NIH) State-of-the-Science conference on “Improving End-of-Life Care” have been published in a special supplement (Volume 8, Supplement 1) of the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, a peer-reviewed publication of Mary Ann Liebert, Inc., and the official journal of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. The supplement is available free online at [www.liebertpub.com/jpm](http://www.liebertpub.com/jpm).

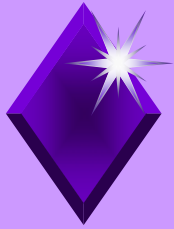
## Achieving Excellence in Care for Cancer Survivors

This NCI-funded national project will prepare teams from leading cancer care settings to enhance the quality of care for cancer survivors. Two-member teams from oncology settings may apply (administrators, nurses, psychologists, physicians, social workers, chaplains and others). Participants receive free registration, \$250 travel stipend and CME credits. Deadline for applying is April 7. For more information and applications, go to <http://www.cityofhope.org/CME/Survivorship> or contact Liz Gourdine at 626-256-4673, ext. 63488 or [mgourdine@coh.org](mailto:mgourdine@coh.org).

## Additional Palliative Care Master’s Programs Available

In the Fall ’05 *ELNEC Connections*, we listed six US schools of nursing that offered palliative care as an emphasis in the Nurse Practitioner (NP) or Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) master’s program. In addition to those six (University of Alabama/Birmingham, Madonna University, New York University, University of Colorado/Colorado Springs, St. John Fisher College, Daemen College), three additional schools provide this training:

- Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, Charleston, SC: Palliative Care for Advanced Practice Nurses (a specialty focus offered within the adult nurse practitioner program.) For more information, contact Barbara Edlund at [edlundb@muscc.edu](mailto:edlundb@muscc.edu).
- The University of Illinois at Chicago: Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nurse Certificate Program. For more information on this course, go to: [http://www.uic.edu/nursing/msn/geriatrics/advanced\\_Palliative.htm](http://www.uic.edu/nursing/msn/geriatrics/advanced_Palliative.htm).
- Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH: First college to offer a MSN in palliative care to both NP and CNS students. For more information, contact Denice Sheehan at [denicesheehan@adelphia.net](mailto:denicesheehan@adelphia.net).



# *Achieving Excellence in Care for Cancer Survivors*

July 13-15, 2006  
Pasadena, CA

*This NCI-funded national project will prepare teams from leading cancer care settings to enhance the quality of care for cancer survivors.*

*National Leaders in Oncology will address:*

- ◆ Surveillance recommendations
- ◆ Meeting the physical, psychosocial & spiritual needs of cancer survivors
- ◆ Model program examples
- ◆ Recommendations for survivorship research

*Who should attend?*

2-member teams from oncology settings may apply  
(Administrators, Nurses, Psychologists, Physicians, Social Workers, Chaplains & Others)

This project builds upon the 2006 Institute of Medicine report on cancer survivorship challenging cancer settings to improve care for the 10 million survivors of cancer.

Principal Investigator

*Marcia Grant, DNSc, FAAN*

Co-Investigators

*Betty Ferrell, PhD, FAAN*

*Smita Bhatia, MD, MPH*

Project Director

*Denice Economou, MN, AOCN*

- ◆ Free Registration
- ◆ \$250 Travel Stipend/Person
- ◆ CME Credit in Process
- ◆ 18 Month Follow-up and Support of Participants



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