

Excellence in Interdisciplinary Care – Social Work & Spiritual Care Partnering to Effect Change
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Educational Objectives:

1. Understand the roles of the chaplain and social worker on one interdisciplinary palliative care team.
2. Learn how excellence in care documentation, staff support, research, education, and advocacy secure the place of the psycho/social/spiritual members of an interdisciplinary team.
3. Engage in care discussions that demonstrate how interdisciplinary care benefits patients and caregivers.

Introductory Remarks

Understanding Terms:

- a) Team
- b) Discipline
- c) Interdisciplinary

Interdisciplinary Team Model at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Palliative Care Service:

- a) Team structure
 - a. roles, relationships, responsibilities
 - b. boundaries and blending
 - c. ethical considerations
 - d. team needs
 - e. attributes of effective teams
- b) Leadership models
- c) Communication
- d) Clinical work
 - a. assessment
 - b. referrals
 - c. documentation
 - d. educational opportunities
 - e. advocacy
 - f. staff support
 - g. research

Changes and Challenges

- a) Structural issues
- b) Raising cultural awareness
- c) Staff support
- d) Risks and benefits

Charting the Course:

- a) Strategies
- b) Risks/Benefits
- c) Care Discussion (Case Studies)