



# End of Life SYMPOSIUM

**In Person:**  
**December 16 to 18, 2021**

Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas

**Virtual:**  
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## WHEN AND WHERE

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3752 Las Vegas Blvd S.

Las Vegas, NV 89158

## FOCUS

Caring for patients at the end of life, whether during anticipated or sudden death is a challenging experience for everyone involved in providing care to the patient. Education and discussions around the issues faced at the end of life are critical to fostering a comfort level with clinical staff, caregivers, patients, families and institutions. As science advances to provide the latest treatments, the need for palliative and end-of-life care has also increased. Those working with patients should be educated on and fully informed of how they can help patients in many ways, including psychosocial and spiritual aspects, when they transition from curative to comfort-focused care.

This symposium is designed to educate healthcare professionals, hospices, long-term care facilities and hospitals on multiple facets in end-of-life care for patients with complex and terminal diseases. This symposium will prepare those providing care to patients in understanding the various influences that affect patients when the focus of their treatment changes from curative to comfort-focused care allowing for a life with quality even when curative treatments are no longer an option.

## OBJECTIVES

- Explain options at end of life and the role of hospice.
- Discuss and explore grief, bereavement and alternative burial options at the end of life.
- Integrate patient values, priorities and family voices in discussing end-of-life options.
- Effectively communicate and discuss advance care planning, prognostication and delivering bad news in the setting of serious illness.
- Examine cultural, spiritual and psychosocial concerns at the end of life.
- Outline the basics of pediatric and geriatric care at the end of life.
- Outline the various types of cultural diversities (gender, age, race, religion, culture, etc.) that relate to demographics, diagnosis and treatment.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, advance care practitioners, social workers, hospice clinicians, spiritual care representatives, hospital administrators, hospice administrators and staff, long-term care and skilled nursing facilities administrators and staff, medical residents and fellows, and all others interested in the subject matter

# PROGRAM

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

8 to 8:50 a.m. **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:55 to 9:10 a.m. **Welcome and Announcements**  
Chandana Banerjee, M.D., M.P.A.

9:10 to 9:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**  
Steven T. Rosen, M.D.

9:20 to 9:45 a.m. **Introduction to City of Hope,  
End-of-Life History, and Keynote Introduction**  
Vijay Trisal, M.D.

9:45 to 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Lecture**  
Betty Ferrell, Ph.D., R.N.  
*Professor and Director  
Division of Nursing Research and Education  
City of Hope*

10:15 to 10:45 a.m. **Prognostication**  
Christian T. Sinclair, M.D.

10:45 to 11:15 a.m. **Advance Care Planning**  
Michael Hochman, M.D., M.P.H.

11:15 to 11:30 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**

11:30 a.m. to Noon **Cultural Aspects at the End of Life**  
Alan Elbaum, M.S.

Noon to 12:30 p.m. **Delivering End-of-Life News**  
Stephen J. Forman, M.D.

12:30 to 1 p.m. **The Role of Hospice**  
Yelena Zatulovsky, L.C.A.T., L.P.M.T., M.A.,  
M.T.-B.C., C.C.L.S., H.P.M.T.

1 to 2 p.m. **LUNCH/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**  
**Photography Exhibit**  
*Every Picture Tells a Story*  
Amanda Villegas, B.F.A.

2 to 2:45 p.m. **Pediatric End-of-Life Care**  
Glen I. Komatsu, M.D.

2:45 to 3:30 p.m. **Geriatric End-of-Life Care**  
Susan Elizabeth Wang, M.D., H.M.D.C.

3:30 to 3:45 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**

3:45 to 4:15 p.m. **The Actively Dying Patient**  
Purvi Patel, M.D., M.B.A.

4:15 to 5 p.m. **Palliative Sedation,  
Compassionate Extubation and VSED**  
Sorin Buga, M.D.

5 p.m. **ADJOURN**

5 to 5:45 p.m. **Photography Exhibit & Q&A**  
*Every Picture Tells a Story*  
Amanda Villegas, B.F.A.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

8 to 8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**

8:30 to 8:40 a.m. **Announcements**  
Chandana Banerjee, M.D., M.P.A.

8:40 to 8:45 a.m. **Keynote Introduction**  
Steven T. Rosen, M.D.

8:45 to 9:15 a.m. **Keynote Lecture**  
Azra Raza, M.D.  
*Chan Soon-Shiong Professor of Medicine  
Director, Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS) Center  
Columbia University Medical Center*

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. **Patient/Family Voices**  
Blanca Rivas, L.C.S.W., A.C.H.P.-S.W., C.S.W.-G.  
Victoria Ramirez, L.C.S.W., A.C.H.P.-S.W.

# PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021 CONTINUED

- 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. **Grief & Bereavement**  
Kimberly Shapiro, M.D.
- 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**
- 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. **COVID Perspectives Panel**  
Satheesh Gunaga, D.O.  
Elizabeth S. Plemmons, M.D.  
Thomas R. McKeown, M.D., F.A.C.E.P.
- 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Medical Aid in Dying Panel**  
Kim Callinan, M.P.P., P.M.P.  
David R. Grube, M.D.  
Susan Gess, Pharm.D., A.Ph.  
Bonnie McKeegan, L.C.S.W.
- 1 to 2 p.m. **LUNCH/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**  
**Photography Exhibit**  
*Every Picture Tells a Story*  
Amanda Villegas, B.F.A.
- 2 to 3 p.m. **Religion and End-of-Life Practices**  
The Rev. Alice Cabotaje, M.Div., B.C.C., A.C.P.E.  
Zhiyun Cai, Ph.D., B.C.C.-P.C.H.A.C.  
Robert S. Drake, M.Div., M.Sci.
- 3 to 3:20 p.m. **Home Funerals**  
Jerrigrace Lyons
- 3:20 to 3:40 p.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**
- 3:40 to 4 p.m. **The Death Doula**  
Francesca Arnoldy
- 4 to 4:20 p.m. **The Green Burial**  
Sarah J. Hernandez, M.D.

- 4:20 to 4:40 p.m. **The Living Wake**  
Stefanie Mooney, M.D.
- 4:40 to 5 p.m. **Extraterrestrial Burial**  
Eric D. Mecusker, D.O.
- 5 p.m. **ADJOURN**
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. **Movie Showing and Q&A**  
*Here Awhile*  
Csaba Mera, M.D.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

*(Offered for In-Person Symposium Only)*

- 8 to 8:45 a.m. **REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/VIRTUAL EXHIBITS OPEN**
- 8:45 to 9 a.m. **Welcome and Workshop Information**  
Chandana Banerjee, M.D., M.P.A.
- 9 a.m. to Noon **Workshop 1: Medical Aid in Dying**  
Susan Gess, Pharm.D., A.Ph.  
Bonnie McKeegan, L.C.S.W.  
David R. Grube, M.D.  
Victoria Ramirez, L.C.S.W., A.C.H.P.-S.W.
- 9 a.m. to Noon **Workshop 2: Communications and End of Life**  
Betty Ferrell, Ph.D., R.N.  
Haley Buller, M.S.H.S.C.
- 9 a.m. to Noon **Workshop 3: Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care**  
Satheesh Gunaga, D.O.  
Francesca Arnoldy  
Matt Whitaker, M.T.S., M.T.-B.C.
- Noon **ADJOURN**

City of Hope may find it necessary to substitute faculty with comparable expertise on those rare occasions necessitated by illness, unforeseen scheduling conflicts or extraordinary occurrences.

## LODGING INFORMATION

A block of nonsmoking rooms has been reserved at the Waldorf Astoria Las Vegas. Special City of Hope group conference rates are available. Conference rates are extended three days before and after the conference dates.

Early hotel reservation is suggested. Block rates available on a first-come, first-served basis or until **October 14, 2021**.

Room reservations should be made by calling the reservations department directly at **(877) 214-6773** Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (PST) and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (PST). Please state that you are attending City of Hope's End of Life Symposium to ensure you receive the special conference room rate.

### Reservation Deadline: October 14, 2021

Reservations received after the cutoff date will be confirmed on a space available basis at the prevailing rate.

### Pricing:

Room Category	Single Rate
City View King	\$259 <sup>+ tax and fees</sup>



**E-syllabus:** In order to ensure our registrants are receiving the most current slide sets presented, as well as keeping with City of Hope's "green initiative" to reduce waste, no printed syllabus containing slide sets will be available at this conference. An e-syllabus containing faculty presentations will be available electronically approximately one week prior to the start of and for one month following the end of the conference. E-syllabus access will be provided via email to all registrants. It is suggested you attend this conference with your laptop fully charged. Internet access and additional power sources may NOT be provided. For questions, please contact the Department of Continuing Medical Education at [cme@coh.org](mailto:cme@coh.org) or **(626) 218-5622**.

**Accreditation Statement:** City of Hope is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. City of Hope designates this live activity for a maximum of 16.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Cancellation Policy:** Early bird registrations are nonrefundable. Refund requests must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than November 16, 2021. A \$50 processing fee will be applied for all refunds. Requests postmarked after November 16, 2021, will not be honored. All refunds will be processed 30 days after the meeting concludes. In the event of unforeseeable circumstances that lead to the cancellation by the conference organizers, all registration fees will be fully refunded.

**Acknowledgment of Commercial Support:** Any and all grant support will be acknowledged at the conference via signage and will be listed in the conference materials.

**Special Assistance:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities at the meeting. If you have any special dietary needs or accommodations that must be made, please notify the course manager at **(626) 218-5622** prior to the conference. It is important to notify us in advance of your special needs to help us better serve you.

# End of Life Symposium

## REGISTRATION

Complete and fax to:

**(626) 301-8939**

Mail to:

**City of Hope CME Department  
1500 E. Duarte Road, Bldg. 175  
Duarte, CA 91010**

Online:

**CityofHope.org/cme**

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## REGISTRATION FEES

### In-Person Symposium | December 16 to 18, 2021

#### Early Bird Registration

Early bird registration ends **September 27, 2021**, and is nonrefundable.  
Registration Fee: Registration fee includes all conference sessions, CME credit, conference meals and refreshment breaks.

- \$350 Physician
- \$300 Nursing/NP/Physician Assistants
- \$250 Fellows/Residents
- \$250 Allied Health Care Provider/Other
- \$250 All City of Hope
- \$400 Industry/Commercial Employee Attendee/Admin  
(defined as any individual employed by a for-profit, including biotech, financial and pharmaceutical)
- \$150 Medical Students 

#### Registration for September 27, 2021

- \$450 Physician
- \$400 Nursing/NP/Physician Assistants
- \$350 Fellows/Residents
- \$350 Allied Health Care Provider/Other
- \$350 All City of Hope
- \$500 Industry/Commercial Employee Attendee/Admin  
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- \$250 Medical Students



## Virtual Symposium | December 16 to 17, 2021


### Early Bird Registration

Early bird registration ends **September 27, 2021**, and is nonrefundable. Registration Fee: Registration fee includes all conference sessions and CME credit.

- \$250 Physician
- \$200 Nursing/NP/Physician Assistants
- \$150 Fellows/Residents
- \$150 Allied Health Care Provider/Other
- \$150 All City of Hope
- \$300 Industry/Commercial Employee Attendee/Admin  
(defined as any individual employed by a for-profit, including biotech, financial and pharmaceutical)
- \$100 Medical Students

### Registration After September 27, 2021

- \$350 Physician
- \$300 Nursing/NP/Physician Assistants
- \$250 Fellows/Residents
- \$250 Allied Health Care Provider/Other
- \$250 All City of Hope
- \$400 Industry/Commercial Employee Attendee/Admin  
(defined as any individual employed by a for-profit, including biotech, financial and pharmaceutical)
- \$150 Medical Students

 Registration is limited and registration by **December 9, 2021** is required. Late or onsite registrations will not be accepted. No visitors will be permitted in the conference area for this activity.

## PAYMENT

- MasterCard     VISA     American Express

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**REGISTRATION:** You will receive an email confirmation once you are registered. No on-site registrations. No visitors will be permitted in the conference area.

**EXHIBITOR BOOTH REGISTRATIONS:** Virtual exhibit space is available to companies interested in participating in this conference through exhibition. Exhibitor booth registrations cannot be processed online.

Please contact the Department of Continuing Medical Education in order to reserve exhibit space for this activity at [cme@coh.org](mailto:cme@coh.org) or **(626) 218-5622**.

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