Mission Statement

The mission of the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care & End-of-Life Studies at USF is to:

- optimize care and systems of care for patients and families faced with non-curable diseases by
- generating new knowledge through interdisciplinary research,
- using that knowledge to educate health and human service professionals, and
- influencing public policy that supports quality end-of-life care.
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An Academic-Community Partnership

The Center for Hospice, Palliative Care & End-of-Life Studies at USF is a collaborative research and education center that creates a unique partnership between University members and hospice and palliative care community provider agencies. The Center partnership includes founding sponsors USF Health; Suncoast Hospice; and HPC Healthcare, Inc. and sponsor partners the Moffitt Cancer Center; Hope Healthcare Services; and Tidewell.

The Center is a fully integrated partnership between community organizations and USF in terms of governance, financial support, and leadership. Each of the Center’s partners is described briefly below, and more information can be found by visiting each organization’s website at http://hsc.usf.edu
The Center reviewed Graduate Assistant applications in response to the Spring 2009 deadline, and funded the project proposed by Nathan Heflick, Doctoral Student in Social Psychology at the USF. The topic of his research is “The Role of Symbolic Immortality in Hospice Patient’s Death Coping.” A brief abstract follows: Lifton (1979) put forth a notion of symbolic immortality, which is the sense that one can achieve immortality in the memories of others and through one’s contributions to the world that endures beyond individual death. Although its role in death coping has never been quantitatively tested in a terminally ill population, research on terror management theory (Greenberg, Solomon & Pyszczynski, 1986) indicates that reminders of mortality increase the pursuit of symbolic immortality, and symbolic immortality allows people to think about their own death with less defensive reactions. This study proposes to test if having Hospice patients focus on how they will be remembered and what they have contributed will make them view their life more positively and death less negatively. In doing so, a highly supported theoretical framework will be applied to death and dying research, and in turn, aid future research in the area. Most importantly though, the proposed research aims to serve the ultimate goal of helping individuals face death with greater peace and dignity. Mr. Heflick was funded during the Fall 2009-Spring 2010 term.

Jillian A. Tullis, former Center Graduate Research Assistantship recipient completed her Ph.D. in May 2009 and accepted a tenure track position at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. Congratulations!
TO HONOR ALL HOSPICE WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN WHO ARE AND THOSE TO COME BRINGING LIGHT TO ALL
Samira K. Beckwith Receives International Recognition with Lifetime Achievement Award

Samira K. Beckwith, President and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Stevie Awards for Women in Business. More than 1,100 entries were submitted internationally for consideration in 54 award categories.

The Stevie Awards for Women in Business honor women executives, entrepreneurs, and the companies they run – worldwide. The Stevie Awards have been hailed as the world’s premier business awards.

Nicknamed the Stevies for the Greek word “crowned,” winners were announced during a gala event at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City.

Beckwith was honored for her lifetime achievements and accomplishments in health care. As President and CEO of Hope HealthCare Services, Beckwith is a leader in improving health care on the local, state and national levels. She has served in this position since 1991 and has more than 30 years of health care and hospice experience. Under her leadership, Hope’s services, programs, staff and volunteers have grown and now provide care for more than 2,300 people each day, through Hope Hospice and other comprehensive care programs for people with serious illness in Lee, Glades, Hendry, Polk, Highlands, Hardee, Charlotte and Collier counties. She has led Hope to receive numerous national awards for quality service and innovation.
The University of South Florida created USF Health as an enterprise dedicated to making life better by improving health in the wider environment, in communities, and for individuals. USF Health has, at its core, the three colleges of Public Health, Nursing and Medicine, which includes a School of Physical Therapy and the USF Physicians Group. Originally founded as the USF Medical Center in 1965, its name has been changed to USF Health to reflect its collaborative focus on the full continuum of health. Tampa Bay has been enriched by the health professionals who have graduated from USF, and from the patient care and outreach programs of its health colleges.

**College of Medicine**

The College of Medicine was established by the Florida Legislature in 1965, and enrolled its charter class in 1971. The College awards doctorates in Medicine (MD) and Medical Sciences (PhD) and is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education. The School of Physical Therapy was established in 1998, and offers a Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT). The College of Medicine’s presence has generated a network of highly specialized teaching hospitals, including the James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute, Shriners Hospitals for Children, and specialty units at All Children’s Hospital and Tampa General Hospital. The USF Physicians Group, the college’s multispecialty group practice, includes nearly 400 physicians and 70 nurse practitioners who see patients throughout the Bay area. College faculty also run interdisciplinary research programs on brain disease and repair, such as Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases, and stroke; palliative care and end-of-life studies; cardiovascular disease; children’s health; patient safety; cell therapy; infectious diseases; and biodefense.

**The College of Nursing**

The College of Nursing was founded in 1973, and conducts research and offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in nursing. The college forged a clinical collaborative with Tampa Bay’s leading health care providers to offer students “home-base” hospitals with one-to-one mentoring for state-of-the-practice education. USF nurses provide care for Floridians from school age to old age through programs such as preschool vision screenings and the Elder health Center, a nurse-directed clinic for seniors. Nursing faculty and students care for patients in more than 100 cooperating health care agencies in USF’s 15-county service area. The College aspires to be in the top 20 for federal research funding, and supports research teams focused on palliative and end-of-life care, cardiac rehabilitation, and complementary therapies for chronic illnesses and cancer.
College of Public Health

The USF College of Public Health (http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/homepage.html) was created by the Florida legislature 25 years ago to provide leadership for the Florida public health system through the development of academic programs and by serving as a resource for Florida public health officials. Since that time, the College has awarded graduate degrees and certificates to over 3,000 public health professionals and nearly 300 undergraduates have taken advantage of a new public health minor. Over our first 25 years, the faculty have generated over $275 million in external funding for research and supporters and friends have built an endowment of over $13 million. College faculty conduct research around the major public health challenges of our time and engage in active community-based research and service learning in the true spirit of public health – recognizing that it is not only through discovery and learning but through the direct translation and application of that knowledge to policies and programs that we succeed in improving the public’s health. Today they are recognized leaders in distance learning, in social marketing, in maternal and child health and in global infectious disease research. For 25 years, public health has been our passion and our promise. Please join the COPH in celebrating their beginnings and rejoicing in their future.

About USF Health

USF Health (www.health.usf.edu) is dedicated to creating a model of health care based on understanding the full spectrum of health. It includes the University of South Florida’s Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health; the Schools of Biomedical Sciences as well as Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Sciences; and the USF Physicians Group. With more than $380.4 million in research grants and contracts last year, the University of South Florida is one of the nation’s top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community-engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
HPC Healthcare, Inc. (HPC), formally known as LifePath Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., is a not-for-profit, community-based health care system primarily providing hospice and palliative care. HPC is a parent company that has five subsidiaries: LifePath Hospice, Inc. in Hillsborough County; Good Shepherd Hospice, Inc. in Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties; Axis Palliative Healthcare, HPC Staffing Services; and HPC Pharmacy Services. The mission of HPC is to: “provide quality palliative care and relieve the suffering of those in our communities affected by life-limiting illnesses and end-of-life issues, maintaining the highest ethical standards, so all may live as fully and comfortably as possible.” Under HPC, hospice services are available for patients who have been diagnosed to be in the last 12 months of a life-limiting illness. The core purpose of HPC is to make the most of life.

LifePath and Good Shepherd Hospices are accredited by The Joint Commission and they continue to be the leaders in program development and innovation in palliative care in order to enhance the quality of life for all patients. During 2009, HPC had 1,060 full time, 38 part time employees, and 183 “as needed pool” employees, as well as 1,840 volunteers.

During the same calendar year, LifePath and Good Shepherd Hospices served 11,066 patients and admitted 9,132 new patients. The average daily census in 2009 was 1,910 patients. The mean and median lengths of stay were 82 and 20 days, respectively. LifePath Hospice cared for 64% of all deaths in Hillsborough County in the year ending 2009, while Good Shepherd Hospice cared for 47% in Polk, Highland and Hardee counties. During 2009, 950 physicians referred patients to LifePath and Good Shepherd Hospices while 166 nursing homes and assisted living facilities partnered with them.

In 2009, LifePath Hospice began its Transitions Program with volunteer and case management services available for patients who have been diagnosed to be in the last 12 months of a life-limiting illness. The core purpose of HPC is to make the most of life.

In addition to home-based hospice care, HPC’s Axis Palliative Healthcare, LLC has hospital-based palliative care consult services with partnerships with three community-based hospitals in the services areas (St. Joseph’s Hospital, University Community Hospital, and Winter Haven Hospital).
In its third complete year at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Axis Palliative Healthcare completed over 730 new patient consultations in 2009. In 2009, Axis Palliative Healthcare opened a pediatric palliative care program in partnership with the staff at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital in Tampa.

In 2009, LifePath Hospice, in cooperation with The University of South Florida College of Medicine, the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer and Research Institute, the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, and the Bay Pines Veterans Hospital continued sponsoring a hospice and palliative medicine physician fellowship program, which began in 2007. The one-year program is made available to physicians who opt to have subspecialty hospice and palliative medicine training as sanctioned by the American Board of Medical Specialties in 2006. In the academic year 2009, four physician fellows were trained at LifePath Hospice. Through our Medical Student Rotation Program, 119 third-year and 34 fourth-year students of USF School of Medicine were trained by HPC professional staff in the area of pain, symptom management and palliative care involving hospice patients. In addition, HPC was reaccredited by the National Institute of Jewish Hospice and continued its Pastoral Care Education Program.

HPC continues to be the leader in program development and innovation in palliative care by engaging in clinical, behavioral, prevalence and etiological research that enhance the quality of life for our patients, facilitating and supporting the palliative needs of our patients and their families.

Much of our practice is generated from our field-based, intramural and extramural studies, clinical trials, psychosocial and behavioral research initiated by medical services professionals working with the HPC Research Department. As a national leader in hospice care, HPC had the opportunity to participate in grant projects and conference presentations. In 2009, HPC staff presented six papers on palliative care in several national conferences and published one research paper in the Journal of Palliative Medicine. HPC staff also completed two additional research papers.

HPC was engaged in three clinical trials and seven nonclinical research projects in cooperation with the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End of Life Studies at University of South Florida (USF), H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, USF Medical School, and four pharmaceutical companies (Baxter, Archimedes, Pfizer and Wyeth).

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nursing care, family guidance and counseling, assistance as patients learn to live with their illnesses and conditions, coordination of other community resources and more.

**Palliative Arts**

Suncoast Hospice Palliative Arts program offers a variety of opportunities to patients, all designed to bring comfort and ease pain and suffering. The program's array of services covers such areas as pet therapy (featuring visits from friendly, specially-trained animals), aroma therapy, therapeutic clowns, massage therapy, arts at the bedside and much more.

**Caregiver Counseling**

Caregivers are important members of Suncoast Hospice's patient and family care teams. They are encouraged and supported by Suncoast Hospice staff and volunteers. And assistance for caregivers is available for those who may be caring for someone who is not a Suncoast Hospice patient. Regular support sessions called Caregiver Coffee Breaks are held frequently at locations throughout Pinellas County.

**Child & Family Support**

Suncoast Hospice Stepping Stones for Kids

Suncoast Hospice was one of the first hospices in the country to address the needs of seriously ill children, their parents, siblings and extended families. Special programs and services are available to address the physical and emotional concerns of young patients, as well as assist their parents as they try to maintain day-to-day life for themselves and other children in their families. Unique programs are in place for families affected by stillbirth births or the death of newborn babies.

**Hospice Houses**

Suncoast Hospice House Woodside and Villas and the brand new Suncoast Hospice House Brookside are home to patients who for various reasons need the professional skilled care offered at the residences or are unable to get the care they need elsewhere. Each residence has homelike settings, complete with family areas, porches and grounds perfect for a stroll or to just sit and enjoy nature.
Suncoast Hospice Affiliates

The mission of Suncoast Hospice is enhanced by its family of affiliate organizations. Each affiliate organization is recognized for its relevance locally as well as nationwide.

AIDS Service Association of Pinellas, Inc. (ASAP)

ASAP offers client-focused care, which includes prevention services, client education, community resource education, support and advocacy, counseling, case management and some financial assistance. Its mission is to serve our community and improve the lives of those infected or affected by HIV/AIDS through prevention education, direct services and advocacy.

Suncoast Hospice Institute is a partner in Center for Hospice, Palliative Care & End-of-life Studies based at the University of South Florida.

Suncoast Hospice Foundation

Established in 1983, Suncoast Hospice Foundation is responsible for philanthropic activities in connection with Suncoast Hospice. Chief among its roles is ensuring sound stewardship of community resources entrusted to it by generous donors. Its mission is to advance understanding, participation and support of the mission and programs of Suncoast Hospice and its affiliated organizations, honoring our community’s sacred trust through sound stewardship.

Suncoast Solutions

Suncoast Solutions’ mission is to dramatically improve quality of life by being the world-class leader in hospice, palliative and home care computer technology and support. Founded in 1997, Suncoast Solutions has clients all over the country. One in four hospice patients in the United States is served by a Suncoast Solutions user.

Project GRACE

Project GRACE encourages people to make specific medical decisions in advance of times when they may be unable to communicate the kinds of treatment they want or do not want. Project GRACE provides individual and family advance care planning services in addition to offering professional and community education regarding healthcare decision-making. Its mission is to promote planning for life’s final phases and build a community that respects and honors each individual’s wishes, values and spiritual beliefs.

Suncoast Institute

Focused on education, consultation and research, Suncoast Hospice Institute is a practiced-based center of excellence for end-of-life and palliative care known for being at the forefront of innovation. Suncoast Hospice Institute is a resource for its home community of Pinellas County as well as for end-of-life programs across the country. Its mission is to influence the way individuals, organizations and communities care for each other near life’s end by being the premier hospice and palliative care center of excellence for practice-based innovation, education and research knowledge.

Suncoast Hospice Institute
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address the emotional, social, spiritual, and physical needs of people affected by cancer. Clinical services are provided by a multidisciplinary team comprised of professionals with expertise in clinical social work, hospice chaplaincy, clinical psychology, consultation-liaison psychiatry, pharmacy, and pain and symptom management. Other services provided through the Psychosocial and Palliative Care Program include professionally-led support groups, rehabilitative services, the Arts in Medicine Program, the Integrative Medicine Program, and Families First Program, a program designed for children of cancer patients and their families.

Mission

The mission of Moffitt Cancer Center is to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer.

Vision

Moffitt’s vision is "to be the leader in scientific discovery and translation into compassionate care, cures, and prevention of cancer for our community and the world." As it grows to fulfill its mission, the Cancer Center will continue to be distinguished by its compassionate and effective patient care.

Institutional Values

S cientific, educational, and patient care excellence
U nity in pursuit of our mission
C reativity
C ompassion for our patients and their families
E mployees, volunteers, and faculty are our most prized resources
S tewardship
S ocial responsibility and ethics of the highest standard

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Hope Hospice
Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Glades, Lee and Polk Counties
End-of-life care, comfort and support for patients and their families
- Home Care
- Inpatient Care: Nursing homes and assisted living facilities; Hospitals, Hope Hospice Houses
- Medical Care
- Expressive Therapies: Music, Art Therapy
- Integrative Therapies: Massage Therapy, Pet Therapy, Aromatherapy
- Hope Supportive Care

Hope Connections
Glades and Hendry Counties
Home-based independent living alternatives for ages 60 and older
- Meals
- Personal care
- Homemaker services
- Transportation
- Medical equipment
- Counseling
- Emergency response systems

Hope Healing Hearts
Charlotte, Collier, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Glades and Polk Counties
Counseling and support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one
- Individual Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Crisis Response
- Grief Counseling in the Workplace
- Bereavement Camp for Children

Hope Select Care
A PACE Program
Lee County
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, (PACE)
A Medicare/Medicaid program enabling ages 55 and older to maintain independent living
- Medical services
- Medical supplies
- Medicines
- Case management
- Transportation
- Social programs
- Wellness activities
- Expressive therapies

Hope Parkinson Program
Lee County
Services and activities for people living with Parkinson Disease and their caregivers, to help experience a fullness of life
- Movement and exercise class
- Educational programs
- Social Programs
- Creativity opportunities

Hope Kids Care
Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Glades, Lee and Polk Counties
Help for children coping with grief or a serious illness - their own or a loved one’s
- Pediatric Hospice Care: Holistic approach of emotional, spiritual and medical care; Expressive and integrative therapies; Hands-on training and education for family members and caregivers; and Respite care for caregivers
- Partners in Care: Together for Kids, (PIC-TFK): Pain control and symptom management, in-home care; Counseling: Expressive therapies; Respite care
- Grief Support and Counseling: One-on-one counseling, Group counseling and Bereavement Camp

Hope Comfort Care
Charlotte, Collier and Lee Counties
Symptom management and counseling for people of all ages with a serious illness

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INITIAL ACCREDIATION

TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care has been granted Initial Accreditation by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), signifying that it demonstrates the highest level of excellence in its service to patients and families who are living with advanced illness.

CHAP is an independent, non-profit accrediting body. It was the first accrediting body for community-based health care organizations in the U.S. and was created in 1965 as a joint venture between the American Public Health Association and the National League for Nursing.

TideWell’s CHAP accreditation is effective from Aug. 1, 2008 – July 31, 2011. Beyond the accreditation, TideWell received several commendations, specifying areas in which the organization has exceeded the requirements of a high standard. One commendation was bestowed on TideWell for its “effective and efficient management information system utilized to ensure accountability at all levels of the organization.” Another commendation states that the “comprehensive Performance Improvement process integrates the organization’s mission and promotes an organizational wide approach that selects, reviews and analyzes outcomes specific to organizational needs and the scope of services and products.”

The long term care interdisciplinary team (IDT) meeting process was also commended, as was TideWell’s safety team. The accreditation letter specified no action required by TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care – meaning no improvements were needed. The CHAP accreditation is a voluntary process. Together with the mandatory licensure by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), CHAP accreditation provides assurance that TideWell meets and exceeds the gold standard for a high level of care and maintains an ongoing commitment to continued improvement and quality.
Members

Center members include approximately 200 individuals representing a variety of disciplines, professions, and agencies involved in the field of hospice, palliative care and end-of-life studies. Members include university faculty and students, physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, occupational and physical therapists, bioethicists, pharmacists, chaplains and other health and human services professionals involved in end-of-life care. Center members represent diverse academic and community interests and work together to improve the quality-of-life of patients facing life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Membership is open to any individual with an interest in hospice, palliative care, and end-of-life research, practice and advocacy. To be added to our mailing list to receive notice of Center meetings and special events, please contact:

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lrodrig1@health.usf.edu.
Center members attend monthly meetings to get updates and collaborate on projects, network about research opportunities, and share news about educational and policy initiatives. Meetings generally include a research presentation by a Center member or invited guest, as well as time to network. Center meetings are open to all Center members and others with an interest in end-of-life care and research.

Center members wish to thank the USF Health Division of Geriatric Medicine for providing lunch for our meetings. Thanks also to the following Center members and guests who presented their research during 2009:

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Committees

Executive Committee

The Center is governed by an Executive Committee representing interdisciplinary community providers and university faculty from various disciplines that represent the continuum of care utilized in hospice and palliative care.

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Research Committee

The Center’s Research Committee is chaired by Lora Thompson, PhD, Clinical Psychologist at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute. Research Committee members include:

Kathryn Hyer, PhD, School of Aging Studies at USF; Sehwan Kim, PhD, HPC Healthcare, Inc.; Lori Roscoe, PhD, Department of Communication, USF; Ladislav Volicer, MD, PhD, School of Aging Studies, USF; and Kristine Donovan, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Moffitt Cancer Center. The Research Committee reviews and makes recommendations about applications submitted to the Center for Pilot Research Grant funding and for the Graduate Research Assistantship.

Training Committee

The Center’s Training Committee supervises the research project and service hours for the recipient of the Center’s Graduate Research Assistantship. The recipient of the Graduate Research Assistantship in 2009 was Nathan Heflick, doctoral student in the School of Psychology. Mr. Heflick is mentored by Jamie L. Goldenberg, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology. Members of the Training Committee include: Sehwan Kim, PhD, Director of Research, HPC Healthcare, Inc.; Howard Tuch, MD, Director of Health Policy, Suncoast Hospice; William Haley, PhD, Professor, School of Aging Studies; and Lora Thompson, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Moffitt Cancer Center.
Center members continue to receive and participate in grants and clinical trials on end-of-life and palliative care issues. (Center members are indicated in bold type.)

A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Hylenex in the Treatment of Pain among Hospice Patients: Investigator-Initiated Study
Principal Investigator: Michelle Salvat, MD, Good Shepherd Hospice
Co-Investigators: Ronald Schonwetter, MD, Executive Vice President/Chief Medical Officer, LifePath Hospice; Mary Jo Quinn, ARNP, Director of Nursing Practice; LifePath Hospice; Deidra Woods, MD, Medical Director, LifePath Hospice; Sehwan Kim, PhD, Director of Research, HPC Healthcare, Inc.; Beverly Douglas, ARNP, Medical Services, LifePath Hospice. 2007 – 2009: Sponsored by Baxter Healthcare, Inc.
**Goal:** Determine the effectiveness of Hylenex in reducing pain when compared to the standard pain management protocol involving hospice patients receiving opioid infusion.

A Study of Communication Between Head and Neck Cancer Surgeons and Their Patients
Principal Investigator: Lori Roscoe, Ph.D. American Cancer Society-Institutional Research Grant Program, 2009-2010; $30,000
**Goal:** This study investigates end-stage head and neck cancer patients’ perceptions of communication with their physician about death and dying, and the relationship between perceptions about communication and quality of life.

An Evaluation of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health as a Predictor of Six Month Survival for Dementia Patients.
Principal Investigator: Jessica Y. Allen. Center for Hospice Palliative Care and End of Life Studies at USF 2008-2009
$15,000
**Goal:** To examine the predictive ability of items from the International Classification of Functioning, Disability, and Health in predicting mortality among hospice dementia patients.

An Open-Label Trial Investigating the Long-term Safety and Tolerability of Nasalfent (Fentanyl Citrate Nasal Spray) in the Treatment of Breakthrough Cancer Pain (BTCP) in Subjects Taking Regular Opioid Therapy
Principal Investigator: Deidra Woods, MD, Medical Director, LifePath Hospice
Co-Investigators: Ronald Schonwetter, MD, Executive Vice President/Chief Medical Officer, HPC Healthcare; Jose Cariaga, MD, Staff Physician, LifePath Hospice
**Goal:** To identify long-term safety and tolerability of Nasalfent nasal spray among hospice patients.

Exploring Disparities in Healthcare Decision Preferences of End Stage Cancer Diagnosis among Colombians, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans.
Principal Investigator: Iraida V. Carrion, PhD, LCSW, School of Social Work, University of South Florida 2009-2010
$10,000
**Goal:** The goal of the study is to address advance care planning and decision-making among Colombians, Mexicans, and Puerto Ricans. This research will scientifically study communication pertaining to advance stage cancer diagnoses and treatment options. The study will set the stage for a series of studies that will expand on our knowledge of how culture affects advance care planning and decision-making within these communities. The information gained will be instrumental in the adaptation of evidence-based interventions.
Medicaid Assisted Living Trajectory and Nursing Home Admission: The Influence of Hospice Use and Facility Characteristics

( Agency for Health Care Administration, State of Florida) funding from 08/01/08 to 12/31/09.
Subcontract to: Debra Dobbs, Ph.D., from Glenn Mitchell, Agency for Health Care Administration contract.
Total amount funded: $20,000.
**Goal:** This contract funded Dr. Dobbs to conduct a study using a sample of Medicaid recipients who resided in assisted living in Florida from 2005-2007 to examine individual and facility factors longitudinally that predict discharge from assisted living to nursing home, with a specific focus on the role of hospice in enabling residents to age in place in assisted living.

Measurement of Pain Comparing Cancer Patients With and Without Emotional Pain

Principal Investigator: Ronald Schonwetter, MD at HPC
Co-Investigators: Sehwan Kim, PhD and Susan McMillan, ARNP, PhD
**Goal:** Empirically test the influence of emotional distress on reports of pain among cancer patients.

Palliative Care and Hospice Practices in Residential Care Settings in Florida

(New University Researcher Internal Award - USF) funding from 06/01/09 to 05/31/10
Principal Investigator: Debra Dobbs, Ph.D., School of Aging Studies, University of South Florida
Total Amount Funded: $10,000.00
**Goal:** The overall aims of the project are: 1) to describe palliative and hospice use patterns of residents in assisted living; 2) describe end of life practices in assisted living facilities; and 3) examine the relationship between facility characteristics and practices specific to end of life quality of care outcomes.

Pilot of an Intervention for Caregivers of Hospice Heart Failure Patients

7/1/08-6/30/10 $385,000
Principal Investigator: Susan McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN
**Goal:** The purpose of this project is to pilot test a caregiver problem solving protocol that has been modified to fit the special needs of family caregivers of hospice patients with heart failure via a small randomized clinical trial over two years.

Prevention of Falls among Hospice Patients

Principal Investigator: Ronald Schonwetter, MD, Executive Vice President/Chief Medical Officer, HPC Healthcare, Inc.
Co-Investigators: Irene Henderson, Clinical Project Manager, LifePath Hospice; Jackie Kirby, Consultant, LifePath Hospice; Sehwan Kim, PhD, Director of Research, HPC Healthcare, Inc; Brenda Martin, RN, Risk Specialist, HPC Healthcare, Inc. 2006-2009: Funding sponsored by the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Studies at USF and HPC Healthcare.
**Goal:** Prevent and reduce incidence rate of falls among hospice patients.
Psychosocial Impact of Stroke on Family Caregivers
Principal Investigator: David Roth, PhD (UAB)
Collaborator: William Haley, PhD
2005-2010
$1,825,875 (subcontract $333,172)
Goal: This project examines the longitudinal impact of stroke on White and African American family caregivers recruited through collaboration with a large, epidemiological, prospective study of stroke.

Quality of Life in Advanced Heart Failure Patients in Hospice
Principal Investigator: Cheryl Zambroski, PhD, School of Nursing at USF.
2009: Supported by the EOL Center at USF
Goal: Descriptive and explorative study of various symptoms experienced by hospice patients with advanced heart failure disease

Role of Symbolic Mortality in Hospice Patients’ Death Coping
Principal Investigator: Nathan Heflick, Graduate student at the Dept of Psychology at USF
Study Mentors: Jamie Goldenberg PhD and Sehwan Kim, PhD
2009 – Current: Supported by the EOL Center at USF
Goal: To determine the affect of the symbolic mortality intervention on reducing stress and anxiety of impending death

SAFEHAVEN: Decision Support for Nursing Home Resident Disaster Evacuations
National Institute on Aging
Co-Principal Investigator: Kathryn Hyer $1,049,868 (2008-2011)
Goal: To understand the consequences of hurricanes and evacuation decisions, providing the first evidence base to inform the creation of evacuation guidelines.

Stigma and the Cultural Context of Residential Settings for the Elderly
(NIA Grant No. 1R01AG028469-01A1): funding from 07/01/07 to 06/30/11
Co-Principal Investigators: Kevin Eckert, Bob Rubenstein, Leslie Morgan (University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Erickson School of Aging Studies); Sheryl Zimmerman (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill).
Total Amount Funded: $2,861,396
Goal: This project is an ethnographic study of two active adult communities, two independent living communities, two assisted living facilities and two nursing homes to examine processes of stigmatization and ageism in these settings. The specific aims of the study are to examine: 1) how older adults define stigmatizing traits in themselves and others in their everyday routines; 2) how older adults act and react to stigmatizing traits in themselves and others in their everyday routines; 3) how stigmatizing interpersonal and inter-group traits influence social dynamics and personal behaviors (such as masking, hiding, enabling) to avoid stigma; 4) how stigma is defined or operates differently in various levels of care and environmental configurations; and 5) how the quality of settings and care might be improved with attention to the personal and social dynamics of stigma. My contribution to the project is to be involved in all aspects of study design, development of coding lists, analysis of interview data, and manuscript preparation.

Subcutaneous Methylnaltrexone (MNTX) for Treating Opioid-Induced Constipation
Principal Investigator: Ronald Schonwetter, MD at HPC
Co-Investigators: Adria Stevens, MD; Leah Clark, ARNP; Beverly Douglas, ARNP; Sehwan Kim, PhD.
2009 – Current; Clinical trial supported by Pfizer and Wyeth
Goal: Determine the effectiveness, tolerability and safety of MNTX in managing constipation compared to those
PRESENTATIONS

Individuals who represent all of the Center’s partners are active in international, national, regional, state and local conferences, scientific meetings, and professional associations. The Center was well-represented at the 2009 AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly held on March 25-28 in Austin, Texas, the 24th Management and Leadership Conference held on April 23-25 in Washington, DC and the 10th Clinical Team Conference held on September 24-26th in Denver, CO. The following is a representative sample of presentations made by Center members in 2009. (Center members and Center partnership affiliations are indicated in bold type.)

62\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
“Willingness to use hospice among Korean American older adults”.

62\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Atlanta, GA.
Kim, G., & Allen, J.Y. (November, 2009).
“Depressed older adults in the United States: Who is at risk for major depressive disorder?”

20\textsuperscript{th} Annual Southeastern Regional Student Mentoring Conference in Gerontology and Geriatrics Athens, GA.
“Deregulation impact on hospice: A review of the literature on access, service, quality, and cost.”

American Psychological Oncology Society 2\textsuperscript{nd} Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ
“Azzarello, L. M., Small, B. J., Weitzner, M. A., & Jacobsen, P. B.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Management and Leadership Conference, Washington, DC
Beckwith, S.K.
“Hospice: A Healthcare System.”
“Maximizing the Hospice Medicare benefit to provide Comprehensive Care.”

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Audio Web Seminar, Washington, DC
Beckwith, S.K.
“Expanding your reach to Serve Your Community and Increase Revenue Base.”

International Conference on Therapeutic Touch, Cambridge, MA.
Begley, S.S.
"The Wisdom of the Ancients: How Meditation and Yoga can Inform the Therapeutic Touch Process,"

Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End of Life Studies, USF, Tampa, FL
Begley, S.S.
“Utilizing Therapeutic Touch in Hospice Care.”
Annual East Coast United States Therapeutic Touch Invitational Mentorship Program, New York
"The Power of Compassion in Therapeutic Touch."
“Expanding Your Reach To Serve Your Community And Increase Revenue Base.”
Shirley Spear Begley, RN, BFA, HNB-BC, CCHT, NCTMB, QTTT

The IPOS 11th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology, Vienna, Austria.
"The Dynamics of Communicating Terminal Diagnoses within the Hispanic Community: Integrating Hospice into the Picture."
Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW

The Academy Health, Chicago, IL
"Gender Differences in Utilization of Hospice Services: Who Cares for the Latino Terminally Ill?"
Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW

The AARP Diversity & Aging in the 21st Century: The Power of Inclusion, Chicago, IL
"Diversity within the Older Hispanic Community: Caregiving At End Of Life."
Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW

The Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, San Antonio, TX
"Bridging Cultural Competence: Ethics in End of Life Research with Latino Elders."
Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW

The National Association of Social Workers, Orlando, FL
"Grief or Depression? Decisions in Diagnosis of Older Adults."
Iraida V. Carrion, Ph.D., LCSW

Gerontological Society of America meetings, Atlanta, GA
“The Impact of Hospice and Dementia Special Care Units on Care for Persons with Dementia at the End of Life.”
C. McCarty, Debra Dobbs, and V. Molinari. November 2009

“Stigma, Fear and Hiding Decline in a Senior Housing Community.”
M. Nemac, A.C. Frankowski, and Debra Dobbs.

American Society on Aging meetings, Las Vegas, NV
“Correlates of Turnover of Nursing Assistants in Nursing Homes: Results from the National Nursing Home Survey.”

Caldwell Hospice, Lenoir NC
“Focusing IDG on Patient/Family Experiences.” December 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Documenting the “Experiences” of Patients & Families & The Hospice Specialty.”
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Suncoast Solutions Conference, Clearwater FL
“Focusing IDG Care Planning On Patient & Family Experiences.”, (November 2009)
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN
Suncoast Solutions Users Conference, Clearwater FL
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

NHPCO 10th Clinical Team Conference, Denver CO
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice, Columbus OH
“Interdisciplinary Practice Forum: Maximizing IDG Collaboration & Outcomes of Care”, July 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Suncoast Institute, Clearwater FL
“Focusing IDG Care Planning On Patient & Family Experiences,” Audio and Video Webinar, July 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Florida Assoc. of Homes & Services for Aging, Orlando FL
“What Are You Waiting For? Conversations about End-of-Life Care,” July 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

Hospice Clinical and Leadership Forum, Ohio Council for Home Care
Columbus OH
“Successful Nursing Facility – Hospice Partnerships,” April 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

“Recruiting the Best Hospice Staff and Assuring Competency in Practice,” April 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

NHPCO Management Conference, Washington DC
“Hospice Manager Development Program,” April 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

NHPCO Management Conference, Washington DC
The “Hospice Experience Leadership Model:” A Values-Based Leadership Framework, April 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN

West Coast Florida HPNA Review Course, Clearwater FL
Professional Issues, Economic & Policy Issues, Future Trends, February 2009
Kathy Egan City, MA, BSN
Association for Gerontology in Higher Education meetings, San Antonio, TX
“Preparing Doctoral Students in Aging Studies as Gerontology Instructors.”
Haley, W. E., & McEvoy, C.

Southern Gerontological Society meetings, St. Petersburg, FL
“Family Caregiving in Stroke: The CARES Project.” Haley, W. E.

Gerontological Society of America meetings, Atlanta, GA
“Willingness to Use Hospice Among Korean American Older Adults.”

Gerontological Society of America meetings, Atlanta, GA

Gerontological Society of America meetings, Atlanta, Georgia
“Who Uses Bereavement Services? An Examination of Service Use by Bereaved Dementia Caregivers.” Bergman, E., Haley, W. E., & Small, B.

Southern Gerontological Society Annual Meeting
“Estimating the Impact of Florida’s Direct Care Staff in Nursing Homes Policy” April 19, 2009
Kathy Hyer, Ph.D.

National Congress of the Oncology Nursing Society, San Antonio, TX
“Comparison of Cancer Patient/Partner Role by Gender for General and Mental Health, Dyadic Adjustment and Emotional Distress”. [poster]. May 2009 Susan C. McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN

36th Annual National Meeting and Conference of the American Academy of Nursing
Atlanta, GA
“Methodological Issues in Spanish Language Survey” (C. Meade, PI,) November 5 - 7, 2009
Susan C. McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN

International Cancer Conference
King Hussein Cancer Center, Ammon Jordan
“Quality of Life in Persons with Cancer”, March, 2009. Susan C. McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN

“Symptom Management in Persons with Cancer”, March, 2009. Susan C. McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN

National Communication Association (NCA), Chicago, IL
“Unintended Consequences and Opportunities: A Study of Communication Between Head and Neck Cancer Patients and Their Physicians”. November 2009. Lori A. Roscoe, Ph.D.
AAHPM/HPNA Annual Meeting, Austin, TX
“Prevention of Falls Among Hospice Patients”. March 2009. Ronald S. Schonwetter, M.D.,

“Hospice in Long Term Care: Regulations, Ethics, Quality and Collaboration,” Deidra Woods, M.D.

American Medical Director’s Association 2009 Annual Symposium, Charlotte, NC
“Update on Hospice in Long Term Care.” 2009. Deidra Woods, M.D.

NHPCO’s 9th Annual Clinical Team Conference, Dallas, TX
“Long Term Care and the Hospice Medical Director: Collaboration and Quality Issues”. 2009. Deidra Woods, M.D.

Center for Hospice Palliative Care and End of Life of Studies at USF, Tampa, FL
“Measurement of Pain Comparing Cancer Patients with and Without Emotional Pain” September, 2009 Ronald Schonwetter, MD., Sehwan Kim, Ph.D., & Susan McMillan, RN, PhD.

Evidence-Based Clinical Management and Leadership for Experienced Physicians in Long Term Care (Evidence-Based Course), Washington, DC
“Implementing Effective, No-Cost, Non-pharmacologic Treatments in Dementia Care” September 11-13, 2009. Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D.

“Palliative Care Program in the Nursing Home” September 11-13, 2009. Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D.

American Medical Directors Association Annual Symposium, Charlotte, NC
“Does Wheelchair Use Improve Ambulation and Quality of Life?” Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D.

“Who is Aggressive in Alzheimer Care? Beyond Blaming the Victim” Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D.

Creating Successful Dementia Care: A Multidisciplinary Approach, Sydney, Australia
“Medical Issues and Palliative Care” Ladislav Volicer, M.D., Ph.D.
PUBLICATIONS BY CENTER MEMBERS

Center members continue to contribute to the literature on end-of-life and palliative care in a range of respected journals and other publications. (Center members are indicated in bold type.)


Beckwith, S.K. (2009) Hospice care should be measured in months, not days. MD News - Business and Practice Management, December. 10

Beckwith, S.K. (2009) Hospice is the answer to many medical, economic, ethical issues. Fort Myers News -Press, May 19; Lakeland Ledger, May 27; Florida Weekly, June 3


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