

Goals of Care Conversations Train-the-Trainer Program Resources



Goals of Care Conversations Training Materials

All materials related to this program are available at the following websites:

vaww.ethic.va.gov/goalsofcaretraining.asp

VA Intranet site; available to VA employees through the VA network.

www.ethics.va.gov/goalsofcaretraining.asp

Internet site; available to the public. Does not include information about distance learning, including teleconference schedules.

Materials are available for use by the public. Feel free to share the internet link with colleagues outside of VA who are interested in training others in conducting goals of care conversations.

Life-Sustaining Treatment Decisions Initiative – Resources for Clinical Staff

The VA Life-Sustaining Treatment Decisions Initiative supports patient-centered care for seriously ill patients by promoting proactive goals of care conversations with patients who are at risk of a life-threatening clinical event within the next two years. A number of tools and resources have been developed to support clinicians in conducting goals of care conversations with patients and family members: pocket cards, worksheets, podcasts, videos, and other resources.

vaww.ethics.va.gov/education/LST/ClinicalStaff.asp

The site also contains policy and guidance documents for demonstration sites who have already launched new practices related to eliciting and documenting goals of care and life-sustaining treatments. **Do not use policy-related materials until the new national policy on life-sustaining treatment (VHA Handbook 1004.03) has been released.**

VitalTALK Website

VitalTALK is a nonprofit with the mission of nurturing healthier communications between patients and clinicians, specializing in advanced communication skills courses for discussing serious illness and goals of care. You can find a number of resources related to improving communication skills around these issues, including materials useful for training others, at the VitalTALK website.

www.vitaltalk.org

EPEC - Education in Palliative and End of Life Care

EPEC for Veterans

The EPEC curriculum is a comprehensive, consensus-based, and end-user friendly set of materials that can be used to educate all health care professionals in the essential clinical competencies of palliative care, including those related to conducting goals of care conversations. The EPEC for Veterans program is a comprehensive adaptation of the EPEC Curriculum, with content addressing the specific needs of Veterans and their families.

http://epec.net/epec_veterans.php

EPERC Fast Facts

Fast Facts provides concise, practical, peer-reviewed and evidence-based summaries on key palliative care topics important to clinicians and trainees caring for patients facing serious illness. Topics addressed include those related to communicating with patients and families around issues of serious illness. Fast Facts are produced by the End-of-Life Physician Education Resource Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

<https://www.capc.org/fast-facts/>

ePrognosis

ePrognosis provides evidence-based information on older patients' prognosis. The information on ePrognosis is intended as a rough guide to inform clinicians about possible mortality outcomes. It is not intended to be the only basis for making care decisions, nor is it intended to be a definitive means of prognostication, as many factors beyond those used in the indices may influence prognosis. ePrognosis was created with the support of the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California San Francisco.

<http://eprognosis.ucsf.edu/default.php>