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In the News...

The Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program is delighted to welcome our first class of learners, who will be starting our first course - PALC 601 (Principles and Practice of Hospice and Palliative Care) this month!

Learners from every discipline are enrolled in the program - nurses, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists, physicians, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, dietitian, administrators, and more!

Here's a quote from two of our new students:

"It's finally here...a flexible, learner-friendly palliative care post-graduate program! The University of Maryland, Baltimore's Master of Science in Palliative Care provides cutting-edge instruction through a rich patient-centered academic experience. It's comprehensive and curricular design is well rounded, and puts the patient's humanity and dignity first...I love that!"

*Neive George, Chaplain
Community Hospital, Cocolite, Port of Spain*

"I have heard and repeated the phrase, "all hospice is palliative care, but not all palliative care is hospice" many times, yet only recently did I realize that it was not just a relational statement, but also represented a gap in my knowledge. Throughout my nearly two decades as a registered nurse, I've come to understand that people's needs go far beyond the physical to encompass emotional issues, legal issues, issues of faith and relationships, grieving and mourning when facing serious illness. As a hospice nurse, I've provided such comprehensive, holistic care, defined by a terminal prognosis. I've enrolled in the University of Maryland, Baltimore's Master of Science in Palliative Care program to hone the necessary skills to ameliorate the symptoms and stress born from serious illness, throughout one's lifespan, independent of a terminal prognosis."

I've selected this program because of its flexible design, fully online platform, and access to faculty who are experts in the field. The pace works with my life, and the content will be invaluable in my professional development.

*Jason Ware, RN
Physician Relations Manager, Montgomery Hospice*

There's still time to join the official inaugural class - the deadline for Fall 2017 admission is June 30. But don't wait until the last minute - we anticipate filling the class fairly quickly! Consider participating in a Virtual Open House (see below) or checking out our [webpage](#).

Consider participating in a Virtual Open House! Next date April 19, 2017

The Master of Science in Palliative Care and Graduate Certificates program will host open houses throughout the semester.

[Click here to register now!](#)

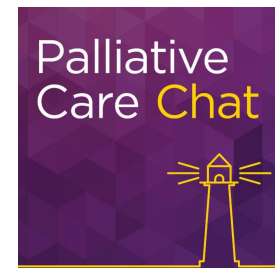
Interested in enrolling? Review the application process to see what you will need in order to get started.

Classes begin August 28 - Get started on your application now!

[Apply Now!](#)

New Podcast! Dr. Jason Webb provides critique on dementia trial!

Jason Webb, MD, FAPA, Director of Education, Duke Palliative Care, Physician Psycho-Oncology Clinic, Durham VAMC Mental Health Service, and Medical Instructor Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Division of General Psychiatry, provides a critique of the attention-grabbing study "Efficacy of oral risperidone, haloperidol, or placebo for symptoms of delirium among patients in palliative care: A randomized clinical trial." (Agar MR, Lawlor PG, Quinn S, et al. JAMA Internal Medicine, Jan 2017.)



[Click here to listen now!](#)

Tune in next month to further the discussion about this research when we chat with Professor Meera Agar, the principal investigator of this study.

Brag Book!

We have the MOST AWESOME faculty and students

in the Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care program in the world! Welcome to our Brag Book! Let's take a look at some of the amazing things our faculty have been up to...



Susan Blacker, MSW, RSM (PALC 604)

- Publication: Blacker S, HeadBA, Jones BL, et al. Advancing hospice and palliative care social workleadership in interprofessional education and practice. *J of Soc Work in End-of-Life and Palliative Care* 2016;12(4):316-330.

Carla Cheatham, MA, MDiv, PhD (PALC 604 and 614)

- Publication: "Hospice Whispers: Stories of Life" - Will be on sale to download for \$0.99 in honor of National Healthcare Decisions Day, from April 17th-21st. [Click here.](#)
- Publication: "Sharing our stories: A hospice whispers grief support workbook. For more info [click here.](#)

Delia Chiamonte, MD (PALC 606)

- Publication: Witt CM, Chiamonte C, Berman S, et al. Defining health in a comprehensive context: A new definition of integrative health. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2017 Feb; pii: S0749-3797(16)30667-5.
- Presentation: Meditation and Mindfulness: Tools for Health and Well-Being. Maryland Academy of Family Physicians.

Connie Dahlin, ANP-BC, ACHPN®, FPCN, FAAN (PALC 601) and Patrick J. Coyne, MSN, ACHPN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, FPCN (PALC 615)

- Published the following textbook (which won 2nd place in the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year!): C. Dahlin, P. Coyne, & B. Ferrell, N. (Eds). *Advanced Practice Palliative Nursing*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2016.
- And a pocket companion guide: C. Dahlin, P. Coyne, & B. Ferrell, N. (Eds). *Clinical Pocket Guide to Advanced Practice Palliative Nursing*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2017.

Connie Dahlin, ANP-BC, ACHPN®, FPCN, FAAN (PALC 601)

- Publication: Sheldon-Kennedy L, Dahlin C, Maingi S, & Sanchez A. (2017). A multi-organization approach to improving palliative care in Honduras. *ONF*. 44(1):11-14.
- 2016 Cambia Healthcare Foundation Sojourns Leadership Scholar

Anne M. Kelemen, LICSW, MSW (PALC 605 and 614)

- Award: Emerging Leader, Social Work Hospice & Palliative Care Network. Congratulations Anne!

Kasey Malotte, PharmD, BCPS (PALC 611)

- Accepted a position as a Palliative Care Clinical Pharmacist with the Supportive Care Medicine Department, Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and serves as faculty for the Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship at the same institution.

MaryLynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617) and Jennifer Tjia, MD, MSCE (PALC 616)

- Publication: Tjia J, Kutner JS, Ritchie CS, Blatchford PJ, Kendrick REB, Prince-Paul M, Somers TJ, McPherson ML, Sloan JA, Abernethy AP, Furuno JP. Perceptions of Statin Discontinuation among Patients with Life-limiting Illness. *Journal of Palliative Medicine*. (In Press)

Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C (PALC 603)

- Presentation: Multi-dimension Assessment and Management of Pain in End-of-Life Care. Conference on Collaborating in Creating Compassionate Holistic End-of-Life Care for the Future, Hongkong, March 2017.

Tammie E. Quest, MD (PALC 607)

- Officer: President-Elect, American Association of Hospice and Palliative Care. All hail the Queen!

Jennifer Tjia, MD, MSCE (PALC 616)

- Publication: Reidy J, Halvorson J, Makowski S, Katz D, Weinstein B, McCluskey C, Doering A, DeCarli K, Tjia J. Health System Advance Care Planning Culture Change for High-Risk

Patients: The Promise and Challenges of Engaging Providers, Patients, and Families with Internet-Based Advance Care Planning. *J Pall Med.* December 2016, ahead of print. doi:10.1089/jpm.2016.0272.

- Publication: Hunnicutt J, **Tjia J**, Lapane K. Hospice use and pain management in elderly nursing home residents with cancer. *J Pain Symp Management.* 2017 Mar; 53:561-570.
- Publication: Hunnicutt J, **Tjia J**, Lapane K. Pain and Pharmacologic Pain Management in Long-Stay Nursing Home Residents. *Pain.* 2017 Mar 4. doi:10.1097/j.pain.0000000000000887. [Epub ahead of print] PMID: 28267065
- Publication: **Tjia J**, Kutner JS, Ritchie CS, Blatchford PJ, Kendrick REB, Prince-Paul M, Somers TJ, McPherson ML, Sloan JA, Abernethy AP, Furuno JP. Perceptions of Statin Discontinuation among Patients with Life-Limiting Illness. *Journal of Palliative Medicine.* (In Press)
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Vincent Jay Vanston, MD, FAAHPM (PALC 605)

- Accepted a position as Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania Palliative Medicine Program in June 2017.
- Taking to stage and screen in local community theater's *Wizard of Oz!* Off we go to Kansas, Toto!

Turner West, II, MPH, MTS (PALC 610)

- Selected as a Health and Aging Policy Fellow, 2017. Clearly, he's a jolly good fellow!

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