IN-SERVICE OFFERINGS

TALKING ABOUT END OF LIFE – Discussing end of life is hard. This in-service reviews ways to bring up and have the conversation about involving hospice.

HOSPICE 101 – A general overview of hospice philosophy, eligibility, coverage, model and team structure, some pain and symptom management.

ASSESSING ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE – An in depth look at the eligibility criteria for hospice with special attention to the non-cancer diagnosis, including Alzheimer’s.

HOSPICE LEVELS OF CARE – A review of all four levels of coverage under the Medicare Hospice Benefit.

GENERAL IN PATIENT LEVEL OF CARE – An in depth look at the requirements for eligibility for GIP, lengths of stay, reimbursement and collaboration and documentation.

NUTRITION AND HYDRATION AT END OF LIFE – A review of the hospice philosophy on food and fluids at end of life. Discussion of the pros and cons of artificial nutrition and hydration, especially with dementia.

PAIN MANAGEMENT – (can be customized for all clinical staff or just for licensed staff) A review of types of pain, causes and management at end of life. Includes information on non-pharmacological interventions.

IV PAIN MANAGEMENT – A review of types of IV and SC pain management techniques and use of specific opioids.

SYMPTOM MANAGEMENT – A review of common symptoms at end of life with appropriate pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions. Symptoms reviewed include nausea, dyspnea, anxiety, constipation, and terminal secretions.

END OF LIFE PERSONAL CARE – Provides an overview of the physical and psychological changes that patients exhibit in the final weeks of life. It prepares staff to anticipate care needs as well as help the family to prepare for death.

CARING CHOICES – A short presentation on options for care, including skilled care, long term care, home health and hospice services.

SOONER IS BETTER – A general overview of types of care, hospice options, as well as specific information about Center for Hospice Care services.

CORE COURSE – An in-depth course about hospice philosophy, the IDG, caring for patients at end of life, psychosocial and spiritual support, pain and symptom management, bereavement.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT – Offered to staff and patients at facilities to support them after the loss of a resident.

All in-services can be customized to meet the needs of the facility. We can develop an in-service on any topic of interest not listed above.