

Palliative Care in Advanced Non-cancer Conditions. As our population ages, more people will be developing chronic medical conditions which will progress and eventually lead to death. The challenges of managing a patient with advanced non-cancer conditions can be fairly different from caring for someone who is suffering from advanced cancer. The 2-day course will highlight these challenges and focus on palliative care approaches to help healthcare professionals manage non-cancer end-of-life care better.

Course Objectives

1. Appreciate the challenges faced in caring for patients with advanced non-cancer conditions.
2. Understand the commonly encountered symptoms in end-stage organ failure and neurodegenerative diseases and ways to manage these symptoms effectively.
3. Understand the common ventilatory support that is available to patients with respiratory failure.
4. Appreciate the role of advance care planning in progressive, non-cancer illnesses.
5. Know what local community resources are available to support these patients and their families.

Training Methodology

Didactic lectures, and virtual interactive small group discussions on case scenarios. Pre-course reading materials will also be provided.

Course Outline (2 days)


Day 1:

- Introduction to palliative care in non-cancer conditions
- Challenges in non-cancer palliative care
- Advanced respiratory diseases
- Home ventilation support – issues and challenges
- End-stage heart failure
- Management of dyspnoea and pain in non-cancer conditions



Day 2:

- End-stage renal disease
- Neurodegenerative diseases
- End-of-life care in nursing homes
- Advance care planning in chronic diseases
- Psychosocial issues and community resources

Venue

 Zoom online platform

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Target Audience

Doctors and registered nurses who care for patients with advanced chronic illnesses in the acute, intermediate or long-term care settings.

Course Time

17 & 18 June 2021 (Thurs & Fri)
9am - 5pm

Course Fee

\$449.40 (Including GST).

Prevailing course fee subsidy at 90% for Singaporeans/PRs and 45% for Work Pass Holders working in eligible community care organizations.

Trainers' Profile

Associate Professor Wu Huei Yaw

A/Prof Wu Huei Yaw is a senior consultant with the Department of Palliative Medicine in Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

He has a special interest in non-cancer palliative care and was actively involved in the development and clinical support of the first home palliative care programme for organ failure patients in Singapore.

He is now the clinical lead of Programme IMPACT, an MOH-funded home palliative care service for non-cancer patients at the end of life.



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