



The Importance of a Palliative Care Approach in Respiratory Therapy

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Session Abstract

BACKGROUND: Since 2000, Pallium Canada has been training primary and generalist-level health care professionals (e.g. physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, etc.) on the essential skills and competencies of the palliative care approach in its Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP). Patients who could benefit from a palliative care approach are found in many settings of care. A system that relies on specialist palliative care teams providing all palliative care is unsustainable and ultimately reduces system capacity and access. Pallium offers LEAP courses for different settings, professions and specialty areas.

OBJECTIVE: Respiratory therapists will learn the essential role they play in implementing a palliative care approach in their care setting and how they can build capacity within their organizations to provide better care to patients and their families. With Canada's aging population and increasing prevalence of chronic conditions, respiratory therapists are critical to improving palliative care in Canada.

Session Objectives

1. To describe the palliative care context and benefits of implementing a palliative care approach.
2. To understand the importance of the palliative care approach with patients who have advanced pulmonary or respiratory diseases.
3. To engage colleagues in discussions around the importance of a palliative care approach for their respective organization.

Speaker Biography

Jeff joined Pallium Canada as Chief Executive Officer in 2017 where he provides oversight and direction to the organization and ensures that Pallium is a leading thought partner in the palliative care and compassionate communities' space. Previous to this, Jeff was the President of Partners for Mental Health, a non-profit organization dedicated to accelerating a social movement to transform the way people think about mental health, and act towards people living with a mental health problem or illness. Jeff also enjoyed an eight-year tenure as National Director of Marketing for Canadian Blood Services. He spent the first half of his career in the financial services as Assistant Vice President for Citibank Canada and Bank One International and later Vice President of Marketing for Alterna Bank. Jeff is a graduate of McGill University where he received his Bachelor of Commerce in Marketing and Management Policy.