

2021 Pediatric Psychosocial & Palliative Care Virtual Conference

NOVEMBER CONFERENCE SPEAKER DETAILS

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 • Thursday, Nov. 4, 2021



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Presenter: Justin Baker, MD

Chief, Division of Quality of Life and Palliative Care, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Presentation Title: Hoping Against Hope: Supporting Hope in Advancing Illness

Presentation Description:

Describe bereaved parents' perspectives about hope and "realism" in the context of advancing illness

Learning Objectives:

1. Discuss a framework for integrating "hope" conversations through complicated ethical decision-making
2. Learn skills to better partner with patients and families who carry coexisting hope (that may sound unrealistic) and prognostic awareness in the context of a child's progressive illness



Presenter: Lenny Wexler, MD

Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Weill Cornell College of Medicine;
Senior Attending/Member, Department of Pediatrics, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

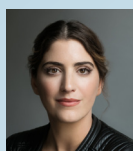
Presentation Title: C'mon Jimmy. C'mon Jimmy, Go!

Presentation Description:

A detailed review of the life and death of a remarkable young adult with rhabdomyosarcoma as a forum for a discussion of the challenges and opportunities of providing end of life care in children, adolescents, and young adults with cancer.

Learning Objectives:

1. To become familiar with the range of symptoms and options for their management in terminally ill pediatric oncology patients
2. To become familiar with the challenges and opportunities of providing end of life care to terminally ill pediatric oncology patients



Presenter: Suleika Jaouad

Cancer Survivor, Journalist and Author of *Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted*

Presentation Title: The Road to Healing: A Young Adult Cancer Survivor's Perspective on Navigating the Healthcare System

Presentation Description:

New York Times bestselling author and Emmy Award-winning journalist Suleika Jaouad shares a firsthand account of navigating the healthcare system as a young adult cancer patient, and the inspiring and entirely unexpected lessons learned during treatment and the long road to recovery. Her unique perspective will challenge and motivate you to reimagine your approach to patient-centered care in the 21st century.

Learning Objectives:

1. An intimate, behind-the-scenes understanding of the young adult cancer experience, from diagnosis to treatment to survivorship
2. A deepened knowledge of what it's like to enter cancer treatment as a new patient—both what's working and where there's room for improvement
3. An account of the psycho-social challenges of cancer treatment and its long-term imprints
4. Insight into the obstacles of enrolling in clinical trials, overcoming geographic and financial barriers to access, and finding a way forward in the aftermath of illness
5. Tools for how to better communicate with patients and their caregivers

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Presenter: Abby Rosenberg, MD

Associate Professor, Pediatrics, University of WA School of Medicine;
Director, Palliative Care and Resilience Lab, Seattle Children's Research Institute

Presentation Title: Promoting Resilience in Children with Serious Illness and their Families

Presentation Description:

Serious illness is inherently stressful, and this is particularly true when it happens to kids. Dr. Rosenberg is a world-renown expert in resilience, and particularly how to bolster resilience in the context of serious illness. In this presentation, she tells the story of what she and her team learned from seriously ill kids and families, how they helped her create a now widely used resilience training program for kids and families, and what their words of wisdom continue to teach all of us today.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe resilience theories and how they do (and do not) apply to patients with serious illness
2. Describe the application of resilience training programs in pediatric serious illness
3. Apply several resilience-building principles in their care of children with serious illness and their families



Presenter: Ahmar Zaidi, MD

Medical Director, Clinical Development, Agios Pharmaceuticals

Presentation Title: The Sickle Caste: From A Single Mutation to Victimization and the Road Back

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand the role of implicit bias in the healthcare industry
2. To understand the historical context of bias and prejudice in the sickle cell community
3. To understand that implicit bias is present in all of us, and its detrimental effects can be modified



Presenter: Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg

Founder and International Director of Kids Kicking Cancer;
Clinical Associate Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, Wayne State University of Medicine

Presentation Title: When Regulation is Mutual: A Strategy of Self-Empowerment to Build Resilience in Others

Learning Objectives:

1. Understanding the role of martial arts meditation and mindfulness
2. Understanding Pain Extraction™ vs. Distraction
3. Creating positive roles of the family in pediatric disease dynamics
4. Learning self-regulation as a somatic response