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HOME CARE & HOSPICE PREPARATION FOR EBOLA



Taken from the National Association for Home Care & Hospice

In the wake of the recent outbreaks of the Ebola virus in the United States, much of the focus, guidance, and protocol development has been on acute care facilities; however, those working in home care and hospice need to be prepared also. Although the chances of encountering an acutely ill patient with Ebola in home care and hospice are slim, this still cannot be ruled out. Barbara Citarella, MS, RN, RBC, of Limited Healthcare & Management offers some suggestions that providers can begin implementing:

- * Agencies should begin a comprehensive infection prevention education program for all staff but especially for field staff
- * Reinforce the proper use of bag technique
- * Reassure staff by giving them the facts
- * Review and update policies such as your pandemic plan, influenza protocols, and monitoring staff that may have been exposed
- * Check your supplies of PPE
- * What to do if a possible Ebola patient (meeting the criteria) is identified during a home visit
- * Research your state health department's website for the most recent information and for state specifics

The role of home care and hospice providers is to prevent and control the spread of the Ebola virus while protecting staff and patients.

Read Ms. Citarella's article in full on the National Association for Home Care & Hospice [website](#)

2014 HPNA-LARC CALENDAR

Division Meetings and Dates

The next meeting is to be held on the following Tuesday night at 6:30 PST:

Burbank November 11, 2014



Membership Applications are available at meetings or by emailing anne.moore.hpna.la@gmail.com

2014 HPNA-LARC membership dues are \$15.00/year or \$25.00/2 years



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Los Angeles Regional Chapter

LARC-HPNA Educational Presentation

“A Dialogue - Quality in Palliative Medicine”

Presenter: Ira Byock, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Institute for Human Caring- Providence Health & Services

When: November 11, 2014

Time: 6:30 PM – Registration and Networking

7:00 PM – Presentation and Discussion

Where: Providence St. Joseph Medical Center

Hope Center- A and B

501 South Buena Vista Street

Burbank, CA 91501

Please join us as for what will prove to be an exciting and informative evening. Dr. Byock previously served as the Medical Director of Palliative Medicine at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and is the author of pivotal books including *The Best Care Possible*, *The Four Things that Matter Most*, and *Dying Well*.

RSVP to: Diana Ramirez at dramirez@mednet.ucla.edu with:

- Name as appears on Nursing License
- Title
- Place of Employment
- Nursing License Number
- Phone and Email

Directions:

From SFV: 118 east to 5 south to 170 south, to 134 east. Exit at Buena Vista. Medical Center will be on your left, and park in Visitor Parking. Hope Center is adjacent to the East Building located on the 1st floor.

From 405 North: 101 east to 134 east, exit at Buena Vista. Medical Center will be on your left, and park in Visitor Parking. Hope Center is adjacent to the East Building located on the 1st floor.

From the West Valley: 101 east to 134 east, exit at Buena Vista. Medical Center will be on your left, and park in Visitor Parking. Hope Center is adjacent to the East Building located on the 1st floor.



THE UPDATE ON EBOLA

Taken from the American Nurses Association

In the wake of the recent incidences of the Ebola virus outside of Africa, including the United States, the American Nurses Association has released various statements and preparedness and response information, including its joint statement with the American Medical Association and the American Hospital Association, a preparedness plan, a right to refuse, best practice resources, and more.

Please visit the ANA [website](#) for more information on this important public health issue.



ANAM CARA: A HOSPICE FOR WEST LA

Anam Cara is a compassionate care home based on a non-medical social model and set in a nurturing, home-like environment. If someone cannot or does not want to die at home, very few home-like alternatives exist in the greater Los Angeles area. Anam Cara offers aging elders and adults of any age with a life-limiting illness a six-bed home in the beautiful setting of Topanga Canyon with a community of caregivers and resources, supported by the wealth of nature in the Santa Monica Mountains.

To learn more or give a donation to this project, please visit anamcarala.org

“PREPARE” SPANISH PATIENTS FOR ADVANCED PLANNING

Through generous support from the California Healthcare Foundation, PREPARE, an innovative online advance care planning tool, has been “transcreated” into Spanish after careful pilot testing within the Spanish-speaking community.

PREPARE is a program that uses videos and personal stories to help people identify what matters most in life, communicate with loved ones and clinicians, and make informed medical decisions based on their values. The central idea behind PREPARE is to move advance care planning upstream; advance directives are not enough.

Visit [PREPARE in Spanish](#) to learn more.

November

National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

*“Hope, Dignity, Love...
It must be hospice”*

“It reminds us that the care we provide brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible, offers dignity when there is not a cure and surrounds families with love at one of life's most challenging times.”

-National Hospice Foundation



~ CALENDAR of EVENTS ~

NOVEMBER

November 17-19, 2014

CHAPCA Annual Conference/Exhibition

**Caesar’s Palace
Las Vegas, NV**

This year, the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (CHAPCA)’s annual conference will begin with pre-conference workshops on Monday, November 17, and be launched that afternoon. Tuesday and Wednesday will be filled with networking and education opportunities, and then the conference will be closed on Wednesday.

For online registration and more information, visit the CHAPCA [website](#)



November 19, 2014

**The Pain Symposium:
The Voice of Pain**

**UCLA Health Systems
Los Angeles, CA
Keynote Speaker: Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN**

CEUs awarded.



November 20-21, 2014

**Beginning the POLST Conversation
with Chinese Americans**

**St. Francis Memorial Hospital
San Francisco, CA**

This workshop introduces healthcare providers to the California POLST form and how POLST fits into the continuum of advance care planning. The second day of training will focus on the Chinese-American population in the Greater San Francisco area.

For more information, visit the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California [website](#)



JANUARY

January 19-20, 2015

**ELNEC Summit
Anaheim, CA**

The End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) project is a national education initiative to improve palliative care. ELNEC Core, Pediatric, Geriatric, and Critical Care will be taught simultaneously during this summit; attendees may choose only one to attend.

For more information, visit the ELNEC [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page

