Higher-Quality Care for People Living with Serious Illness

The Center to Advance Palliative Care

Our country’s fragmented health care system fails many of our patients, delivering costly services of unreliable quality, especially for people living with serious illness and their families. Fortunately, there is a solution.

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) is a national organization with a clearly stated vision: “Palliative care everywhere.” We provide health care organizations with the tools, training, and technical assistance needed to support the successful implementation and integration of palliative care.

An Unparalleled Track Record of Success

CAPC has established a reputation for providing highest-quality training and tools for palliative care program development and for training in core palliative care clinical skills. The majority of hospital palliative care programs in the U.S. received training through CAPC resources. More than 30,000 U.S. clinicians have used CAPC training to build and strengthen their clinical skills in communication, symptom management, and support for families.

“Just five months after we began working (nonstop!) to open our community-based palliative care program, we accomplished our goal. Six months after that, we successfully passed our Joint Commission Survey. There’s no way we could have done this without access to the information, education, and tools on the CAPC site. This is, by far, the best membership I’ve bought—and one of the most valuable tools I’ve ever used in my health care career.”

Pam Ware, LCSW, CEO
Front Range Hospice and Palliative Care

Strategic Priorities

Scale education and training to all clinicians caring for people living with serious illness in all settings. CAPC’s award-winning online curriculum is well established as a valuable, easily-accessible resource that produces measurable improvements in clinicians’ and organizations’ ability to provide high-quality care during serious illness. We are dramatically scaling our clinical training initiative to reach more clinicians, working in more settings, to improve the care of more patients.

Scale access to palliative care where patients need it: in the community.
Through expanded technical assistance, CAPC aims to equip all health systems and all care settings to provide coordinated, high-quality serious illness care beyond hospitals to where patients and families need it most—in their homes and communities. We provide guidance and best practices for standing up community-based palliative care services for a range of patient populations and settings.

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