

Promising Ideas Generated at the Palliative Nursing Summit

Ideas
Campaign for nurses to complete their own advanced care plans
Nursing lead role in more community integration, education, and training – messaging, marking, and branding
Difficult conversations and advance care planning are a routine part of nursing education
“Course in a box” around crucial conversations and advance care planning for current nurses
Experienced nurses mentor newer nurses to improve comfort level
Establish minimal competencies and set a standard for all nurses to meet these competencies
Create reimbursement mechanisms for nurses at all levels to have these discussions in any specialty, setting, or practice agency
Better methods to communicate across all settings (e.g., EHRs, rounds, point person)
Develop evidence-based guidelines (pathways) for transitions
Educate health care providers and administrators of the value of early use of palliative care (e.g., patient satisfaction, cost savings)
Public and health care practitioner education regarding palliative care and hospice and the points of transition that affect them
Develop a demonstration project of palliative care in every emergency department
Nurse competence in facilitating discussions on advance care plans between patient, families, and providers
Funding for care coordination models to demonstrate better optional outcomes for patients and families
Practitioners receive education in assessment and prescribing of multi-model pain treatment

Nurses feel confident in having goals of care discussions with patients

Consistent communication among care providers regarding patient symptom management

Nursing research into optimal symptom management strategies and behavioral interventions to promote symptom self-management

Payment for complementary non-pharmaceutical pain treatments and health systems offer evidence-based integrative health services

Public education about pain and symptom management that balances current headlines of opioid death