

Promotional: Death, Dying and Postmortem Care

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Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 1.0 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 60 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

This educational activity outlines the caregiver's role and priorities when caring for individuals with a terminal illness at the end of life. Healthcare workers (HCWs) in the long-term care and home health and hospice settings play a key role in helping individuals, families, and support persons at the EOL. When HCWs feel apprehensive about caring for individuals facing death care can be compromised. Competence in delivering care is needed to guide all persons throughout the stages of death and through the grief that accompanies the task. Being knowledgeable allows caregivers to provide compassionate, person-centered care during this time.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is nurses in the long-term care and or the home health and hospice settings and any other interested nurses and or staff. This is an intermediate level educational activity. Information is geared to practitioners with a general working knowledge of current practice trends and literature related to the subject matter. The focus is on increasing understanding and competent application of the subject matter.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to demonstrate knowledge about end-of-life care by passing a quiz with 85% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. Name the five (5) stages of grief.
2. Identify three (3) common fears about death.
3. List three (3) physical changes that occur during the dying process.

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Debbie has over 40 years of nursing experience specializing in end-of-life care, and chronic diseases. She has developed and implemented disease management programs for patients with chronic and life limiting conditions. Debbie has served in various positions within Home Health and Hospice, including case manager, team leader, Director of Professional Services, VP of Compliance and Regulation and Director of Accreditation. Debbie has worked in a variety of healthcare settings, including acute care, homecare and hospice offices, hospice inpatient unit, accreditation program and pediatric oncology. Debbie is currently a member of the NHPCO Education Committee. Debbie is committed to educating clinicians in chronic and end-of-life care and patient advocacy.

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