#### COPC Center to Advance Palliative Care

# **Emergency Medicine**

This Learning Pathway contains training and tools to provide an added layer of support for patients in the Emergency Department. It includes continuing education courses in symptom management, how to communicate with patients about their goals of care and support difficult decision-making, and when to refer to specialty palliative care.

#### Nausea/Vomiting

Nausea and vomiting are common symptoms of serious illness and can cause dangerous complications. After completing this course, learners will be equipped with practical skills to identify, manage, and reduce these symptoms.

#### Dyspnea

After completing this course, learners will have the tools they need to manage dyspnea, including the physical causes of shortness of breath and the emotional impact on the patient.

# Constipation

Constipation occurs in at least 70% of patients living with a serious illness and often goes unrecognized. After completing this course, learners will have the tools to successfully identify and manage the impact of constipation.

#### **Discussing Serious News**

Learn best practices for having patient-centered conversations about a serious illness diagnosis.

#### **Discussing Prognosis With Patients and Caregivers**

Learn how to effectively discuss prognosis with patients and their caregivers.

# **Clarifying Patient Goals of Care**

Learn best practices for building trust, eliciting patient values, and having patient-centered conversations about goals of care.

# **CAPC Palliative Care Referral Criteria**

Checklist of triggers for referral to a specialty palliative care team.

#### **Course 1: Comprehensive Pain Assessment**

Conducting a comprehensive pain assessment to guide safe and effective treatment.

# Billing and Coding for Critical Care Codes in the ICU and ED

Patient eligibility, which providers can bill, understanding time-based billing, and what documentation is required.

#### **Reducing Risks for Older Adults**

This course provides context and best practices for identifying older adults at risk for poor outcomes, including falls, delirium, and caregiving challenges.

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