Registered Nursing Serious Illness Designation

This learning pathway provides comprehensive online education in nursing practices to improve quality of life for patients living with serious illness. Nurses can use Serious Illness Designation to demonstrate expertise in working with this patient population.

Delivering Serious News
Communicating serious clinical news to patients and families.

Conducting a Family Meeting
Communication techniques for an effective family meeting.

Advance Care Planning Conversations
How to initiate and conduct conversations about advance care planning.

Discussing Prognosis
How to discuss patient prognosis in a manner that is sensitive, clear, and supportive.

Clarifying Goals of Care
Strategies for eliciting patient goals and preferences to inform treatment decisions.

Anxiety
Prevalence, screening recommendations, and evidence-based strategies to treat anxiety in patients with serious illness.

Depression
Prevalence, screening recommendations, and evidence-based strategies to treat depression in patients with serious illness.

Constipation
Assessing and managing constipation in people with serious illness.
Dyspnea
Reducing physical and emotional suffering from dyspnea for patients with serious illness.

Nausea and Vomiting
Identifying and managing nausea and vomiting for patients living with serious illness and their caregivers.

Course 1: Comprehensive Pain Assessment
Conducting a comprehensive pain assessment to guide safe and effective treatment.

Course 3: Patient Factors that Influence Prescribing Decisions
Patient and family factors that influence prescribing decisions for patients with serious illness.

Supporting the Family Caregiver: The Burden of Serious Illness
Assessing and supporting caregivers of people with serious illness.

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