



Supporting Your Practice

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Ask a Professional

Dr. Mike Harlos, recipient of the 2007 Eduardo Bruera Award for Excellence in Palliative Medicine, leads a team of palliative care physicians, clinical nurse specialists, a social worker and a spiritual adviser who provide timely, evidence-based, confidential responses to your online questions.

The Canadian Virtual Hospice – helping you care for patients and families facing life-threatening illness and loss.

Find tools to help you learn, share, collaborate and innovate at www.virtualhospice.ca.



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Asked and Answered

Read the clinical team’s responses to dozens of questions asked by patients and their families at *Asked and Answered*. This wide-ranging collection of questions and answers provides valuable information and can help you frame discussions on difficult issues.

Tools for Practice

Link to educational materials, clinical practice guidelines, and assessment tools developed by clinical teams across Canada, and suggest new tools you would like to share.

The Exchange

Canadian researchers, clinicians and palliative care leaders share the latest research, best practices and innovations. These peer-reviewed articles help you keep on top of advances in the field. Be a contributor and share your work with the tens of thousands of people who visit www.virtualhospice.ca each month.

PallNet

In minutes your group can create a private online network, to communicate, develop documents and store information centrally. Group calendars, blogs, wikis and surveys are some of the tools available at *PallNet*. This free, online tool helps you collaborate and innovate efficiently.



Resources for Patients

The Virtual Hospice has produced dozens of articles covering key aspects of palliative care, making the *Topics* area a rich resource for your patients. Symptoms of illness, emotional health, spiritual health, caregiving, decision making, and issues that arise in the final days are all explored in a respectful, accessible way.

Programs and Services and *Books, Links and More* link your patients and their families with local services and useful resources.

For Volunteers

Volunteers play a crucial role in palliative care. Now volunteers and volunteer managers can share expertise and learn from resources collected from across Canada at *For Volunteers*.

Researcher Portal

Developed by Health Canada, the *Researcher Portal* includes a directory of researchers and tools to support innovation in palliative care.

Also at Virtual Hospice

- Check out upcoming events across Canada and around the world at *Courses and Conferences* - and add your event to the list.
- Recognize the accomplishments of colleagues at *Take a Bow*.
- Find local resources at *Programs and Services*.

What health care providers are saying about Virtual Hospice

“Your well-thought out, detailed answers were all extremely helpful to our team. This is a tremendous resource.” C.J., Victoria, BC

“As a nurse in a rural community without a great number of support staff and specialists around, this site makes us feel like we can get the best advice in a timely manner.” L.S., McCreary, MB

“When time is of the essence it is good to know that there are reliable sources to count on for evidence-based practice advice.” P.T., Barrie, ON

Contact Us

Reach us at www.virtualhospice.ca:

- With ideas to improve the site.
- If you’d like pamphlets for your health team and for patients and families.
- To set up an educational session so your team can learn how Virtual Hospice can help them.



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