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Academy of Aid-in-Dying Medicine

supporting best practices for the care of patients considering or completing aid in dying

Hospice Centered

Training Programs offered by AADM

In the evolving landscape of end-of-life care, hospices face a unique opportunity to enhance the quality of their care and their return on investment by addressing the growing demand for comprehensive patient-centered care, including medical aid in dying. **Over 90% of patients considering or completing medical aid in dying in the US receive hospice care at the time of death; most receive their prescription from outside their hospice agency.** Hospices are at the forefront of this critical service. By strategically positioning themselves to support these patients with expertise, hospices can differentiate their services in an increasingly competitive market.

The Academy of Aid in Dying Medicine (501c3) is uniquely positioned to provide your hospice agency with the comprehensive support and evidence-based training necessary for your staff to deliver expert care to patients considering or completing aid in dying, regardless of where their aid in dying medications originate. Our customized assessments and training yield robustly compliant, optically appealing, high-quality care that patients and families value.

Whether opting out of aid in dying, fully embracing it, or taking a stance somewhere in between, most hospices will increasingly need to offer care for patients considering or completing medical aid in dying, no matter their stance on the practice or where the prescriptions come from. Hospice clinical teams are ultimately responsible for delivering safe, compassionate care until the patient's final moments, regardless of the chosen method of death. When aid-in-dying care is siloed and poorly managed, patients and their families are exposed to an increased risk of a less-than-peaceful end of life. Alarming, most nurses report feeling inadequately supported and unprepared, and many other staff say they feel equally unsure of how to best care for these patients. This widespread lack of clinical readiness presents a unique opportunity for forward-thinking hospices to distinguish themselves as leaders in patient-centered care.

Our comprehensive, evidence-based program empowers your agency to:

- Honor patient autonomy and end-of-life wishes with clinical expertise and confidence
- Navigate legal and regulatory requirements seamlessly
- Integrate distributed workflows that optimize care, potentiate length of stay, and shepherd resources
- Provide evidence-based best practices that optimize quality care and minimize risks
- Develop expertise in this evolving area of end-of-life care to enhance your brand

First, our clinical and legal experts will meet with your leadership to understand their hopes and concerns about this care and the processes involved. We will then review policy and procedures with your team, provide referenced information, and help refine and update your processes to ensure legal compliance and risk management while

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preserving your brand's essence and values. Through open-ended surveys of your bedside clinical staff, we'll identify areas of need and deliver three tailored training sessions that can be captured for use with staff for an entire year. We will also provide attentive follow-up with staff and leaders whenever needed during the year. Our approach integrates clinical best practices to mitigate risks, streamline operations, and maximize staff potential. Our commitment extends beyond implementation. We offer a full year of support and award your team a certificate of completion to showcase their enhanced expertise.

Our training elevates your team's capabilities by offering more than just a basic introduction. It will set your hospice apart in providing compassionate, informed support for patients exploring all end-of-life options. Invest in your staff's growth and your hospice's excellence because every patient deserves care from knowledgeable, well-prepared professionals during life's most sensitive moments.

For prices and more details:

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