

Online End-of-Life and Mental Health Resources

There is a growing body of resources related to end-of-life care online. Many of the resources mentioned here will provide links to other resources directed to health care professionals as well as to the general public. An extensive listing is also available on the Promoting Excellence main Web site at www.promotingexcellence.org/content/links.html

End-of-Life Resources

PEELC - Promoting Excellence in End-of-Life Care - www.promotingexcellence.org

Provides information and tools used by innovative demonstration projects in providing hospice and palliative care to special patient populations and in challenging clinical settings.

EPEC Project - Education for Physicians on End-of-Life Care - www.EPEC.net

Provides teaching modules, handouts, PowerPoint slides, and facilitator's guides designed to educate all physicians on the essential clinical competencies required to provide quality end-of-life care.

EPERC - End-of Life/Palliative Education Resource Center - www.eperc.mcw.edu/start.cfm

A central repository for peer-reviewed educational training materials and information about end of life issues.

CAPC - Center to Advance Palliative Care - www.capcmssm.org

A resource to hospitals and health systems interested in developing palliative care programs.

ELNEC – End of Life Nursing Education Consortium - www.okabcd.org/ELNEC.htm

A comprehensive, national education program to improve end-of-life care by nurses.

AAHPM - American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine - www.aahpm.org

Organization for physicians dedicated to the advancement of hospice/palliative medicine, its practice, research and education.

NHPCO - National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization - www.nhpco.org

Nonprofit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the United States.

IICN - Inter Institutional Collaborating Network on End-of-Life Care -

www.growthhouse.org/iicn.html

A shared online EOL community linking major organizations internationally.

City of Hope, National Medical Center - <http://mayday.coh.org>

A central source collecting a variety of materials including pain assessment tools, patient education materials, quality assurance materials, end-of-life resources, research instruments and other resources.

Toolkit of Instruments To Measure End-of-Life Care - www.chcr.brown.edu/pcoc/toolkit.htm

Bibliography of instruments to measure the quality of care and quality of life for dying patients and their families.

Mental Health Resources

NMHA – National Mental Health Association - www.nmha.org

Nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness.

APA - American Psychiatric Association - www.psych.org

A medical specialty society ensuring humane care and effective treatment for all persons with mental disorder, including mental retardation and substance-related disorders. Its vision is a society that has available, accessible quality psychiatric diagnosis and treatment.

NAMI - National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - www.nami.org

Nonprofit, grassroots, self-help, support and advocacy organization of consumers, families, and friends of people with severe mental illnesses, such as schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and anxiety disorders.

National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse - www.mhselfhelp.org

A consumer-run national technical assistance center serving the mental health consumer movement by connecting individuals to self-help and advocacy resources, and offering expertise to self-help groups and other peer-run services for mental health consumers.

NASMHPD - National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors - www.nasmhpd.org

Organization reflecting and advocating for the collective interests of State Mental Health Authorities and their directors at the national level, analyzes trends in the delivery and financing of mental health services, and builds and disseminates knowledge and experience reflecting the integration of public mental health programming in evolving healthcare environments.