

SEXUALITY & INTIMACY IN AGING AND AT THE END-OF-LIFE

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Sexuality & Intimacy's role in the quality of life for the aging and dying

Workshop Description

Discussing sexuality and intimacy at the end of life presents a variety of communication challenges for the health care professional, the patient and loved ones. Despite a recent movement towards approaching medical care from a holistic perspective, sexuality and intimacy have often been excluded from our understanding of the whole person.

This ethics conference will explore the importance of including intimacy and sexuality as central components of the health care assessment. Participants will gain a better understanding about communication and care regarding this sensitive topic.

Learning Objectives

1. Discuss the importance of sexuality and intimacy as long as a person lives.
2. Practice having a conversation about intimacy with chronically and/or terminally ill people (patients).
3. Identify some common barriers to the expression of intimacy and techniques to address them.
4. Learn how to do a sexual assessment.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Melanie G. Ramey, JD, MSW

Melanie is a nationally known leader in healthcare. She is the current CEO of The HOPE of Wisconsin, the state organization for hospice and palliative care. Her highly successful management experience includes both public and private organizations. Melanie has been a principal of three successful start-up companies and has recently completed 10 years as President of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin and led unprecedented growth of the organization. Currently she serves as Vice-President of the Madison Committee on Foreign Relations, Finance Committee of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, a member of The National Quality Forum, American Society of Association Executives, Tempo and Rotary. She is the recipient of numerous awards and honors. For several years she has served on the grant making committee of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health for their translational grant program.

Melanie is a member of the National Speakers Association and is a frequently invited to present at conferences and meetings and is noted for her humorous engaging style and substantive presentations.



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