

The Carolinas Center

presents

2018 Breakfast for Brainiacs®

12-Month Package

The member rate for the **full year** is \$475 (*\$950 for non-members*) and then \$12 per person (*\$16 for non-members*) for any employees who want a continuing education certificate. Site fees are paid up-front and you will be billed for individual participants (*those who want a certificate*), after we receive your roster. There is no need to register for each audio conference, just complete the roster and evaluations after the session!

6-Month Package

By selecting the **six-month package**, you choose the six sessions in which you wish to participate for \$250 (*\$499 for non-members*), plus the \$12 per person (*\$16 for non-members*), for those wanting a continuing education certificate. Site fees are paid up-front and you will be billed for individual participants (*those who want a certificate*), after we receive your roster.

Complimentary MP3 is available after each session for which you register!

ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Site Registration:

- All you need to participate is a phone or speaker phone.
- A site coordinator from each participating agency must be registered.
- Materials such as the call instructions, roster, handouts, and evaluation links will be sent to each site coordinator 2-3 days prior to the audio conference.
- It is the responsibility of each site coordinator to copy and distribute materials to the additional participants on the call.
- After the completion of the audio conference, the site coordinator is responsible for having all participants sign the roster, and for providing participants with the link to complete the online evaluation form (**a link will be provided to complete the evaluation form using SurveyMonkey**).
- Rosters must be faxed or emailed as outlined on each form.

Continuing Education:

Upon successful completion of the educational activity, 1.0 contact hour is available for nurses. This program is also approved for social workers through the South Carolina Board of Social Work Examiners. 1.0 contact hour is available for all others. Certificates of completion will be emailed to each site coordinator after The Carolinas Center receives the roster and completed online evaluation(s).

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the North Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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(ALL communication will be with the Site Coordinator)

Site Fee Information:	12-Month Package	6-Month Package	Individual Month
Member	\$475	\$250	\$75
Non-Member	\$950	\$499	\$99

January 23

Medication Appropriateness

Ellen Fulp, PharmD, BCGP, Doctor of Pharmacy, BS Pharmaceutical Science, Clinical Education Coordinator, AvaCare, Inc., Greensboro, NC

This session will define medication appropriateness and review the importance of having a formal reconciliation process for your organization to reduce patient risks, especially during transitions of care. Additionally, common survey deficiencies involving aspects of drug profiles will be identified and patient cases will be used to highlight nonessential medications and unsafe medication use at end of life.

February 13

CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule – Are you Ready?

William Moorhead, JD, MEP, President/Owner, All Clear Emergency Management Group, Raleigh, NC

This presentation will provide an overview of the CMS standards related to non-hospital emergency management programs and provide best practices for conducting risk assessments, developing plans, and conducting exercises. Participants will “hang up” with practical advice to jumpstart their compliance with the FOUR elements of emergency preparedness outlined in the new regulations. Tips and processes will be shared for addressing the regulation in a hospice organization.

March 15

Bringing Pediatric Hospice Home

Jeannie Newman, MIBS, MSW, Founder, Children’s Wholistic Comfort Care Network, Morrisville, NC & Daniel Mackey, MD, Harris Palliative Care & Hospice, Sylva, NC

The Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition of NC recently piloted a curriculum at a statewide conference to help hospices provide quality, community-based pediatric hospice and to fill the gaps where access for children and families to this service is limited or non-existent. The presenters will provide data on where pediatric palliative care and hospice are available and the model for making it available for all kids.

April 19

Lessons Learned from the Hospice Compare Implementation

Theresa Schmidt, Chief Data & Quality Officer, National Partnership for Hospice Innovation, Washington, DC

Hospice Compare was launched with the HIS measures in August 2017 amid a swirl of questions and issues. With the expected February addition of the CAHPS measures, hospice providers will again need to adapt to the effects of new publicly reported information. This session will explore lessons learned from the Hospice Compare implementation and refreshes, included measures, and best practices for ensuring measures reflect provider performance.

May 22

Aberrant Behaviors: Mitigating Medication Risk in Hospice

Michelle Schmidt, PharmD, BCGP, Optum Inc, Eden Prairie, MN

Across America, healthcare providers are seeing an increased number of patients and families directly impacted by active or historical substance abuse. End of life care for this population presents a unique set of challenges that requires open, honest and frequent communication between the provider, patient and family. This webinar will examine various screening, prescribing and monitoring tools developed to promote the safe use of restricted medications. In addition, participants will discuss approaches to mitigating medication risk in the setting of aberrant behaviors.

June 5

Challenges in Palliative Care Delivery for Heart Failure Patients

Haider Javed Warraich, MD, Fellow in Cardiovascular Disease, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC

This lecture will provide an overview of challenges faced by patients with advanced heart disease at the end of life, and their caregivers, and will provide means to overcome some of those issues. Within heart disease, increased focus will be placed on patients with heart failure.

July (PENDING)

The Balancing Act of Medication Use at the End of Life

Allison Webb, PharmD, BCGP, CDP, Optum Inc., Eden Prairie, MN

Medication use is an integral part of hospice patient management, with most patients taking several medications upon admission and symptom management being widely achieved through pharmacological interventions. As patients decline, continuation of certain medications is not always beneficial or necessary, and ongoing use can cause adverse events, interact with other medications, worsen discomfort, and increase costs for hospices. As comfort medications are added to the regimen, the burden increases. This session will highlight medication risk versus benefit assessment points and provide participants with more confidence in evaluating medication use and discussing these topics with patients, families, and other healthcare providers.

August 16

National Regulatory and Quality Update

Judi Lund Person, MPH, CHC, Vice President, Regulatory & Compliance, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Alexandria, VA

Regulations for hospices continue to morph and change and 2018 is no exception. This webinar will review the late-breaking release of the FY2019 Hospice Wage Index Final Rule, with whatever regulatory changes are finalized, as well as additions and adjustments to quality measures for FY2019. In addition, the webinar will provide the latest information on areas of hospice scrutiny and steps a hospice can take to be compliant. Your hospice can’t afford to miss this late-breaking information!

September (PENDING)

"We Are Veterans – TOPIC"

*Jamie Grant, LCSW, Hospice & Palliative Care Coordinator,
Durham VA Medical Center, Durham, NC*

DESCRIPTION COMING SOON!!

October 16

Relatedness Determinations in Hospice

*Michael Lalor, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Hospice &
Palliative Care Center, Winston-Salem, NC*

This presentation will discuss relatedness considerations in determining conditions "related to the terminal prognosis", using these determinations, subsequently outlining a strategy for determining medication coverage decisions and a review of documentation strategies for the above listed determinations.

November 14

Incorporating QAPI into Your Everyday Practice

*Alicia Sterritt, MSW, Director of Quality & Compliance, The
Carolinas Center, Raleigh, NC & Columbia, SC*

Do you find yourself trying to come up with QAPI measures? No need to look any further; you are probably

already doing it. You just need to capture the data! Join us for this informative discussion.

December 13

Hospice Care Out in the Boundary Lands

*Scott Janssen, Clinical Social Worker, Hospice & Palliative
Care Center of Alamance-Caswell, Burlington, NC*

Many people who are dying, as well as their loved ones, experience what are referred to as transpersonal end of life experiences or "deathbed phenomena." These include things like Near Death Experiences (NDEs), Deathbed Visions (DBVs) and, among those who are grieving, After Death Communication (ADC). Although these events are often profoundly meaningful to those who have had them, patients may be reluctant to speak openly out of fear of being judged, dismissed or stigmatized. The focus of this presentation will be on identifying the characteristics of NDEs, DBVs, ADC and related phenomenon, as well as their likely impact and estimates of prevalence. Participants will also be given strategies for identifying these patients and for creating safe contexts in which they, and their families, may speak openly if they choose to do so.

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