

SHORT SCHEDULE for concurrent sessions, A = Clinical, B = Palliative Care, C = Other/Psychosocial/Self Care, D = Mihalyo, Other & Pediatric tracks. *Text in blue indicates meeting room location.*

Monday, October 20, 2025 (5.25 CE)	
7:30-8:15a	Registration, Breakfast (Foyer)
8:15a	Welcome & Housekeeping (Centennial)
8:30-9:30a	Keynote – Reflections from a Former Hospice CEO – After 35 Years , Greg Pang, Principal, MHA, Greg Pang Healthcare Consulting (Centennial)
9:30-9:45a	Stu Farber Award presentation (Centennial)
9:45-10:15a	<i>Break, Visit Exhibitors</i> (Stehekin)
10:15-11:15a	4 Concurrent Sessions
1A	Optimizing Care: An Acuity Model for Home Hospice Patients , Becky Connor, Nurse Team Lead, MSN, RN, CHPN, PeaceHealth Whatcom Hospice (Centennial)
1B	When Conversations Matter Most (Part 1) , Alison Keeler, BSN, RN, CHPN, Confluence Health (River)
1C	United We Stand, Divided We Email: Stabilizing Your Hospice Agency Through Trust, Shared Ownership and Communication , Zoe Diaz, BA, CHC, COO and Laurie Jackson, MDiv, CEO, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy (Park)
1D	Implementing the CARE Framework for Bias-Informed Patient Care , Robert Leavitt, MDiv, MAT, EMBA, BCC, Palliative Care Chaplain, Health Equity Fellow and April Walter, AGACNP-BC, MS, MBAHM, ACHPN, Providence Medical Group and Adrienne L. Goldberg, PhD, LICSW, Washington Rural Palliative Care Initiative Contractor (East/West)
11:25a-12:25p	4 Concurrent Sessions
2A	Prognosis in Neurological Disease: Navigating Uncertainty , Lissa Anderson, MD, Assistant Medical Director, Hospice of the Northwest (Centennial)
2B	Palliative Rehab: Expanding Collaboration Between Rehabilitation Therapies and Palliative Care , Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA, Providence Swedish, Brenda Arend, MA, CCC-SLP, Emily VandeKieft, OTD, OTR/L (River)
2C	Media Readiness When a Crisis Occurs; Tales From the Cemetery , Greg Pang, Principal, MHA, Greg Pang Healthcare Consulting (Park)
2D	Medication Simplification at the End-of-Life: It's Complicated! – Part 1 of 3 , Mary Mihalyo, PharmD, BCPS, Dragonfly Health (East/West)
12:25-1:50p	<i>Discipline Networking Lunch</i> (Centennial)
1:50-2:50p	4 Concurrent Sessions
3A	Have You Given Up HOPE? Katherine Morrison, MSN, RN, CHPN, CCS-HH, Director of Advisory Services, WellSky (Centennial)
3B	Demystifying Pain Management , Megan Lowe, PharmD, Clinical Liaison, Enclara Pharmacia (River)
3C	Uncomfortable Conversations (with Ourselves): Advance Care Planning for Career Transitions , David Brunelle, Hospice Medical Director, MD, HMDC, FAAP, Adrienne L. Goldberg, PhD, LICSW, Washington Rural Palliative Care Initiative Contractor, Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA, Providence Swedish (Park)
3D	Medication Simplification at the End-of-Life: It's Complicated! Part 2 of 3 , Mary Mihalyo, PharmD, BCPS, Dragonfly Health (East/West)
2:50-3:10p	<i>Break, Visit Exhibitors</i> (Stehekin)

3:10-4:25p	4 Concurrent Sessions
4A	When Conversations Matter Most (Part 2) , Sharmon Figenshaw, BSN, MN, ARNP, POLST and Advance Care Planning Consultant (River)
4B	When You're the Only Palliative Practitioner in the Room: Developing a Coaching Mindset , Adrienne L. Goldberg, PhD, LICSW, Washington Rural Palliative Care Initiative Contractor, Robert Leavitt, MDiv, MAT, EMBA, BCC, Palliative Care Chaplain, Providence Medical Group and Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA, Providence Swedish (Park)
4C	Building Resilient Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) Teams Through Debriefing, Connection, and Compassion , Rebecca Hudson, EOLWA, Erica Gaertner, RN, Executive Director for Eden Hospice of Whatcom County and Snohomish County, Jessica Yoos, MD, Eden Hospice Medical Director, Rebecca Grossman, BSW, Death Doula & EOLWA Volunteer, Anna Schmidt, LICSW, APHSW-C, Hospice of the Northwest, Katie Davis, LICSW, APHSW-C, Hospice of the Northwest (Centennial)
4D	Medication Simplification at the End-of-Life: It's Complicated! Part 3 of 3 , Mary Mihalyo, PharmD, BCPS, Dragonfly Health (East/West)
5-6p	<i>Welcome Reception (Stehekin), Dinner on Your Own</i>

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 (4 CE)	
7:15-8a	<i>Registration, Breakfast</i> (Centennial)
8a	Welcome & Housekeeping (Centennial)
8:15-9:15a	Plenary – Democracy: You Make a Difference!! Leslie Emerick, MPH, WSHPCO Public Policy Director (Centennial)
9:15-9:45a	<i>Break, Auction Closes, Visit Exhibitors</i> (Foyer, Stehekin)
9:50-10:50a	4 Concurrent Sessions
5A	Managing Oxygen Like the Medication It Is , David Brunelle, Hospice Medical Director, MD, HMDC, FAAP and Mary Mihalyo, PharmD, BCPS, Dragonfly Health (East/West)
5B	WA Cares: How It May Help Palliative and Hospice Patients Remain Home , Sebastian Cahe, Outreach and Language Access Lead, WA Cares Fund and Peter Keller, Administrator, Provider Network Operations (Park)
5C	The Heart and Science of Hospice: A Conversation with Barbara Karnes and Helen Bauer , Barbara Karnes, RN, Hospice Pioneer, NHPCO Innovator Award Recipient, and Author of the Iconic “Little Blue Book,” <i>Gone From My Sight</i> & Helen Bauer, BSN, RN, CHPN, The Heart of Hospice Podcast, Owner, Hospice Navigation Services (Centennial)
5D	Finding Joy in the Hard: A Parent’s Perspective on Pediatric Palliative Care , Lindsey Topping-Schuetz & Kelsey Stanczyk, RN, MSN, Parent Champions, Courageous Parents Network (River)
10:55a-11:40a	Topical Networking Discussion
11:45a-12:20p	Exhibitor Lunch
12:25-1:25	4 Concurrent Sessions
6A	How Do We QAPI? A Breakdown of How to Develop and Implement a QAPI Program , Ionne Ott, Quality Assurance Coordinator, BS Psychology, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy (Centennial)
6B	Atypical Treatments, Medication Formulary, and Deprescribing , Meiske Millward, RN, CHPN, Chief Nursing Officer, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy (East/West)
6C	Navigating Hope and Hopelessness in Palliative Care and Hospice , Robert Leavitt, MDiv, MAT, EMBA, BCC, Palliative Care Chaplain, Health Equity Fellow, Providence Medical Group, Adrienne L. Goldberg, PhD, LICSW, Washington Rural Palliative Care Initiative Contractor and Gregg VandeKieft, Providence Swedish (Park)
6D	Pediatric Palliative Care in Washington State , Anne Anderson, Robin Brouwer, RN, Pediatric Palliative Care, Heartlinks Hospice, Sarah Jackson, Manager, LICSW, Providence at Home with Compassus (River)
1:35-2:35p	Afternoon Plenary - Back to the Basics with Barbara Karnes , Barbara Karnes, RN, Hospice Pioneer, NHPCO Innovator Award Recipient, and Author of the Iconic “Little Blue Book,” <i>Gone From My Sight</i> & Helen Bauer, BSN, RN, CHPN, The Heart of Hospice Podcast, Owner, Hospice Navigation Services (Centennial)
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