Session Details

Session #: 204
Title: Bring Palliative Care into Your Office
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Session Description

Palliative care is often confused with hospice. It is not hospice, although hospice is palliative care. Palliative care is a team based approach to the care of people with a chronic or life-limiting illness. This care includes patient and family education, pain and symptom management, and providing opportunities for goal setting utilizing family conferences. It is imperative that the patient’s wishes and definition of quality of life is known so that it may be honored. Palliative care is a specialty however, programs can be difficult to find, especially in rural communities. Therefore providers in all settings need to possess a basic understanding of these skills. It is important to understand and mitigate stressors that affect quality of life, this is where the expertise of the palliative care team comes in. The team minimally consists of a provider, a nurse, and a social worker, add a chaplain for a complete team. As providers we do not possess the education of the social worker or chaplain - our role is to provide exceptional pain & symptom management. Palliative care is billable, usually with time-based procedure codes.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this session, the learner will be able to:
1. Describe differences between palliative care and hospice.
2. Explain services provided by a palliative care team.
3. Describe strategies for having a palliative care discussion.
4. Discuss billing strategies for providing palliative care services in your office.

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