Chaplains need to understand of its commitment to society. Provides a framework for nurses to use in ethical analysis and decision-making.

Practical Pain Management

#1 Times Bestseller In Being Mortal, bestselling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending. Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming birth, injury, and infectious disease from the hammer of go...
Lessons for Living from the Dying

A growing body of research indicates that social determinants of health have a significant impact on health care utilization and outcomes. Researchers and policymakers in the United States have spent decades exploring and discussing approaches to integrating health care and social services. While no nation has a truly integrated system, many other industrialized nations invest more heavily in social services than the United States, and experience more effective in integrating them with health care. Integrating health care and social services, such as accessible housing, meals and nutrition services, transportation, and caregiver training, is particularly important for those facing serious illness who typically encounter multiple chronic conditions, pain and other symptoms, functional dependency, frailty, and significant family care needs. Developing a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities related to integrating health care and social services for people with serious illness, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a full-day public workshop on July 19, 2018 in Washington, DC. The workshop featured a broad range of experts and stakeholders including researchers, policy analysts, patient and family caregiving advocates, and representatives of federal agencies. This publication summarizes the presentations and discussions from the workshop.

Crisis Standards of Care

A compassionate, honest, and illuminating look at the dying process . . . As a long-time hospice volunteer, Jennie Dear has helped countless patients, families, and caregivers cope with the many challenges of the dying process. Dear has also provided personal journeys with dying people and their families. She spoke to doctors, nurses, and caregivers, as well as friends, and the patients themselves. The result is a brilliantly researched, eye-opening account that combines the latest medical findings with sensitive human insights to offer real emotion to those who care for the dying and to the dying themselves.

Dying in America

The text concludes with a theoretical framework for future policy and research. It features 300 carefully selected Q&As that offer a detailed rationale for each question, along with tips and strategies for exam mastery.

The Key Facts on Coping With Cancer & Cancer Resources

This is the only handbook for hospice and palliative care professionals looking to enhance their care delivery or their programs with LGBTI-inclusive care. Anchored in the evidence, extensively referenced, and written in clear, easy-to-understand language, LGBTI-Inclusive Hospice and Palliative Care provides clear, actionable strategies for hospice and palliative care physicians, nurses, social workers, counselors, and chaplains.

Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (Cpnp) Exam Review

Promising Care: How We Can Rescue Health Care by Improving It collects 16 speeches given over a period of 10 years by Donald M. Berwick, an internationally acclaimed champion of health care improvement throughout the course of his long and storied career as a physician, health care educator and policy expert, leader of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This landmark book (including all of Berwick’s speeches delivered at IHI’s annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care from 2003 to 2012) clearly show why our medical systems don’t reliably contribute to our overall health. As a remedy to these ills, he offers a vision for making our systems better—safer, more effective, more efficient, and more humane. Each of Berwick’s compelling speeches is preceded by a brief commentary by a prominent figure in health care policy, or politics who has a unique connection to that particular speech. Contributors include such notables as Tom Daschle, Paul Farmer, John Glaser, and Vigil Crisp. Their commentaries reflect on how it felt to hear the speech in the context in which it was delivered, and assess its relevance in today’s health care environment. The Introduction is by Maureen Bisognano, CEO of Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and author of Pursuing the Triple Aim. Praise for previous books by Don Berwick Curing Health Care: “The book is an easy and absorbing read, with many familiar with the subject and has used the TGM teachings of Joseph M. Juran and Dr. W. Edwards Deming and would be a simple and informative introduction to the concepts for anyone who has been hearing about TGM but has no idea what it is all about and wants to know more.”—Permanent Flaws (blog) “Donald Berwick is the most clearly heard evangelist of applying industrial methods of continuous quality improvement in health care.”—Annals of Internal Medicine Europe Front: “With an effective blend of common sense, real-life stories, persuasive metaphors, and out-of-the-box thinking, Dr. Berwick’s presentations make for fascinating reading for anyone interested in improving America’s $1.7 trillion health care system.”— Piper Report “Anyone interested in change in the healthcare system would enjoy this book. In degree programs, the various speeches would be useful for discussion in a health policy readings course.”—The Annals of Pharmacotherapy

Palliative Care: A Guide to Good Practice

The first study guide for the CHPN(R) certification exam! This must-have study guide for nurses seeking to obtain Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (CHPN(R)) status provides state-of-the-art information about all aspects of this specialty. It features 300 carefully selected Q&As that offer a detailed rationale for each question, along with tips and strategies for exam mastery. The handbook for hospice and palliative care nurses, as well as families, friends, and the patients themselves. The result is a brilliantly researched, eye-opening account that combines the latest medical findings with sensitive human insights to offer real emotion to those who care for the dying and to the dying themselves.

Passages in Caregiving: Essential Strategies for Caring for a Loved One

Resilience is a topic that, given the current increased awareness, is becoming more and more important. Resilience research crosses all disciplines, including those with diverse structures, various ethnic backgrounds and a non-traditional forms. This Handbook brings together a variety of perspectives aimed at understanding and helping to facilitate resilience in families relative to a full range of challenges.

Facing Death And Finding Hope

Each lesson is a wake up call inviting to us to live our lives more fully, with more confidence, more curiosity, in a way that shows the world we are here to love and to thrive. Resilient families are able to regain their balance following crises that arise as a function of either nature or nurture, and to continue to encourage and support their members as they deal with the needs of patients who have been seriously and terminally ill.

New Health Age

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Living Love Lives

Many books have been written about the subject of death and dying over the last twenty-five years, yet none provides a comprehensive spiritual paradigm combined with practical guidance for responding to and compassionately to most common difficulties and challenges of the dying. Christine’s Longaker’s uncompromising and uplifting book does it all, and is based on her own personal experiences, her study and work with Soggi Roshi and on the workshops she now holds all over Europe and the USA.

Dying in America is a study of the current state of health care for persons of all ages who are nearing the end of life. Death is not a strictly medical event. Ideally, health care for those nearing the end of life harmonizes with the patient’s preferences and those of their loved ones. This book is for all those who are involved in caring for the dying, including health care professionals, patients and their families. It addresses the needs of patients who are seriously and terminally ill.

Integrating Health Care and Social Services for People with Serious Illness

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Handbook for Mortal Care

Have you ever wondered if you could calculate your patient’s dying? This textbook takes a fresh, new approach to helping healthcare professionals navigate the end of life. This comprehensive and easy-to-use handbook provides a road map to end-of-life care. This handbook provides essential insights for anyone who provides care to dying patients. It features 300 carefully selected Q&As that offer a detailed rationale for each question, along with tips and strategies for exam mastery. The handbook for hospice and palliative care nurses, as well as families, friends, and the patients themselves. The result is a brilliantly researched, eye-opening account that combines the latest medical findings with sensitive human insights to offer real emotion to those who care for the dying and to the dying themselves.
Hospice

For many who work in health care today, overwhelming business pressures and perceived barriers to change have nearly extinguished the flame of their passion to help others. In this book, Quint Studer spars a trend toward purpose, worthwhile work, and making a difference in the health care profession. He shares his personal story and teaches the reader how to apply specific prescriptive tools and practices to create and sustain a high-value organization. "Handwriting Excellence" is a huge success, changing the way countless physicians and their teams operate.

Medical Guidelines for Determining Prognosis in Selected Non-Cancer Diseases


What Does It Feel Like to Die?

Improving Palliative Care for Cancer

This document is a brief summary of the Institute of Medicine report entitled When Children Die: Improving Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Children. Better care is possible now, but current methods of organizing and financing palliative, end-of-life, and bereavement care create the provision and coordination of services to help children and families and sometimes require families to choose between curative or life-prolonging care and palliative services, in particular, hospice care. Inadequate data and scientific knowledge impede efforts to deliver effective care, educate professionals to provide such care, and design supportive public policies. Integrating effective palliative care from the time a child's life-threatening medical problem is diagnosed will improve care for children who survive as well as children who die and will help the families of all these children. The report recognizes that while much can be done now to support children and families, much more needs to be learned. The analysis and recommendations reflect current knowledge and judgments, but new research and insights will undoubtedly suggest modifications and additions in emphasis in future years.

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Applying Quality-Assurance Methods A Report on the National Demonstration Project on Quality Improvement in Health Care This book is recommended for managers wanting to enhance service quality and productivity. By avoiding mistakes and useless units of activity, gains in productivity occur as quality improves. --Healthcare Financial Management Learn how health care organizations can use the quality improvement process to help regain control and hope in a time of frustration and skyrocketing costs. In ten key lessons, the authors demonstrate what works and does not work in actual practice. They present case examples of specific health care improvement projects ranging from transport of critically ill infants to quick turnaround of emergency lab specimens and to the generation of accurate Medicare bills.

Being Mortal

Little as the first of the nation's 78 million baby boomers begin reaching age 65 in 2011, they will face a health care workforce that is too small and woefully unprepared to meet their specific health needs. Retooling for an aging society means that nurses starting immediately to train all health care providers on the basics of geriatric patient care and to prepare hospital administrators and other informal caregivers, who currently receive no or so training in how to tend to their aging loved ones. The book also recommends that Medicare, Medicaid, and other health plans pay higher rates to boost recruitment and retention of geriatric specialists and enhance the health care professionals workforce. Retooling for an Aging America to institute or increase formal education and training in geriatrics. Consumer groups can use the book to advocate for improving the care for older adults. Health care professional and occupational groups can use it to improve the quality of health care jobs.

A Night on Buddy's Bench

Almost everyone who has lost a loved one has the inexplicable feeling that the deceased was somehow present. This is normal for grieving individuals - and a sign that our loved ones never truly leave us. In this important book, Dr. Louis E. LaGrand, a leader in the field of grief counseling, shares insights and true stories of this phenomenon, offering comfort, reassurance, and hope in the face of sorrow. Dr. LaGrand explores the methods that mourners and their support systems can rely on: Understanding the continuing presence of their loved one, Reestablishing hope for the future, Developing a strong inner emotional and Strengthening the belief that they are never alone. Maintaining an open, giving attitude, even in times of great sadness. Learning to reinvent in life and find joy once again. In this unique book, mourners will find meaning and wisdom in grieving - and renewed joy and completeness in their lives.

Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements

This book empowers society to understand how to die. It is overwhelming with wisdom, offers historical context and present-day initiatives and describes how end-of-life doula and health-care advocates can change the face of dying.

The Volunteer Management Handbook

The first text to explore the history, characteristics, and challenges of hospice social work, this volume weaves leading research into an underlying framework for practice and care. A longtime practitioner, Dona J. Reese describes the hospice social work role in assessment and intervention with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and the community, while honestly confronting the personal and professional difficulties of such life-changing work. She introduces a well-tested model of psychosocial and spiritual variables that predict hospice client outcomes, and she advances a social work assessment tool to reflect current knowledge and judgments, but new research and insights will undoubtedly suggest modifications and additions in emphasis in future years.

Hospice Care for Children

An adult picture book story exploring the end of life's questions.

Community Resources for Older Adults

The Key Facts on Cancer series provides patients and caregivers with essential information on cancer. In this comprehensive guide, readers will learn about different types of cancer; cancer treatments, the risk factors and causes of cancer; facts on cancer prevention, methods of coping with cancer, and ways to support those with cancer. Assembled in an easy-to-read, question and answer format, readers can gain answers to questions most pertinent to their queries. In addition, this guide provides patients and caregivers with important resources and contacts that may aid them in the cancer process. The Key Facts on Coping With Cancer & Cancer Resources provides individuals with an in-depth, comprehensive guide to the many coping methods and resources for cancer patients and caregivers. Featuring topics from coping mechanisms to how-to guides on dealing with aging family members to strategies to cope with psychological stress, this guide is priceless when facing the ominous disease of cancer.

Special Needs Offenders in Correctional Institutions

Disasters and public health emergencies can stress health care systems to the breaking point and disrupt delivery of vital medical services. During such crises, hospitals and long-term care facilities may be without power; trained staff, ambulances, medical supplies and beds could be in short supply; and alternate care facilities may need to be used. Planning for these situations is necessary to provide the best possible health care during a crisis and, if needed, equitable allocate scarce resources. Crisis Standards of Care: A Toolkit for Indicators and Triggers examines indicators and triggers that guide the implementation of crisis standards of care and provides a discussion toolkit to help stakeholders establish indicators and triggers for their own communities. Together, indicators and triggers help guide operational and planning for making provision care during public health and medical emergencies and disasters. Indicators and triggers represent the information and actions taken at specific thresholds that guide incident recognition, response, and recovery. This report discusses indicators and triggers for both a slow onset scenario, such as pandemic influenza, and a no-notice scenario, such as an earthquake. Crisis Standards of Care features discussion tools and customized to help various stakeholders develop indicators and triggers for their own organizations, agencies, and jurisdictions. The toolkit contains scenarios, key questions, and examples of indicators, triggers, and tactics to help promote discussion in addition to common elements designed to facilitate integrated planning, the toolkit contains chapters specifically customized for emergency management, public health, emergency medical services, hospital and acute care, and out-of-hospital care.

Demeystifying Opioid Conversion Calculations

Children with life-threatening and terminal illnesses—and their families—require a unique kind of care to meet a wide variety of needs. This book, the first edition of which won the 1993 Pediatric Nursing Book of the Year award, describes the hospice social work role in assessment and intervention with individuals, families, groups, organizations, and the community, while honestly confronting the personal and professional difficulties of such life-changing work. She introduces a well-tested model of psychosocial and spiritual variables that predict hospice client outcomes, and she advances a social work assessment tool to reflect current knowledge and judgments, but new research and insights will undoubtedly suggest modifications and additions in emphasis in future years.

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