Resource Available for End of Life Care Education in Home Care

The City of Hope (COH) National Medical Center is pleased to announce the availability of an educational resource for use by home care agencies. The COH Department of Nursing Research and Education received funding from the National Cancer Institute for a training project entitled "HOPE: Home care Outreach for Palliative care Education." This project has been conducted by Dr. Betty Ferrell and Tami Borneman, RN, MSN and successfully implemented over the past three years (1998-2001). The HOPE project was based on the need to provide end of life education for non-hospice home care agencies, recognizing that many patients can benefit from the principles of pain management and other palliative care in the months prior to their referral to hospice. In the course of the project, the investigators developed a five-part curriculum on basic end of life care in home care. The five components include 1) Overview of End of Life Care at Home, 2) Pain Management, 3) Symptom Management, 4) Family Caregivers/Spirituality, and 5) Care at the Time of Death. The program was implemented in seven Los Angeles area home care agencies and in March, 2001 a national training course was held at the City of Hope attended by 50 home care agencies selected competitively for participation. These agencies received the HOPE training and are now implementing this program within their own agencies. With support provided by the NCI grant, the investigators are now able to offer the complete training materials to other home care agencies who wish to improve end of life care in home care. The training materials include a 215 page syllabus including participant outlines, detailed faculty teaching outlines, PowerPoint slides, and extensive handout materials. The grant funds give us the opportunity to disseminate the materials at a minimal cost of only $60 for all materials and shipping charges. The materials are developed with the flexibility of home care agencies adapting the teaching to meet their needs, for example to be divided into several short inservice segments or conducted as a two-day intensive training. The HOPE program has received overwhelmingly positive review. These agencies have also provided feedback as to their success in implementing the HOPE curriculum in their own agencies. The HOPE curriculum may also be used by hospices, long-term care facilities, clinics and other settings although the primary audience for the materials has been home care. For additional information regarding pain and palliative care resources available through the City of Hope, please visit our website, http://prc.coh.org. The City of Hope is also conducting training for nurses across all settings including hospice and palliative care through a project, the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC), funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Information about these ongoing training programs can be found at http://www.aacn.nche.edu\elnec. To order a copy of the training materials, please complete the form below.

Please send _____ copies of the HOPE Training Program at $60.00 each to: (Please add an additional $15.00 for orders outside of the United States)
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Address ______________________________________________________________________
Phone ________________________________________________________________________
Make check payable to City of Hope National Medical Center
Mail to: Dr. Betty Ferrell, City of Hope National Medical Center, Nursing Research and Education, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010.