



COMMUNITY-ENGAGED LEARNING PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

PATHWAY: ELDERLY AND CHRONICALLY ILL

Initiative Description

Palliative Medicine this is an outreach initiative that focuses on providing care to those in hospice by helping patients navigate barriers to receiving hospice and complete the Advance Care Planning (ACP) to better help provide advanced care.

Annual Student Activities

- 6 students per cohort
- Students complete their own advance care planning documents
Reflections on cultural variability in patient experience of the end of life process and on changes encountered by patients and their families throughout the process
- Other duties as assigned

Community Outcomes/Results

- ↑ Understanding of the role of palliative care in patient quality of life
- ↑ Awareness of resources available to health care providers, patients, and families in the community
- ↑ Quality of care for hospice patients
- ↓ Barriers to receiving hospice care

Facilitator

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Partners

- Interim Hospice

The Need

- Medical students traditionally have limited experience in caring for patients at the end of life
- Hospice care improves quality of life and care aligned with personal preferences for patients with limited life expectancy
- Misconceptions and stigma associated with hospice and advance care planning impact quality of life