Advanced Clinical Topics in Pediatric Palliative Care (P06)

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Objectives

- Characterize the challenges of providing palliative care to children receiving support from advanced medical technologies, including solid organ transplants, ECMO, and VADs.
- Compare and contrast current psychopharmacologic and nonpharmacologic strategies to manage common mood and behavioral disturbances experienced by children receiving palliative care.
- Construct pain management plans for two hypothetical patients using interventional pain management techniques as well as medications discussed during this session that may not be a part of your current practice.

This full-day workshop will focus exclusively on advanced medical topics that profoundly influence the practice of pediatric palliative care. Ten pediatric faculty representing seven programs across the country will serve as session moderators and small-group leaders, while the core content will be delivered by national experts in a variety of disciplines, including cardiology, transplant medicine, critical care, pain management, and psychopharmacology, who were invited by the core pediatric palliative care faculty. Topics will include solid organ transplant, ECMO, VADs, advanced pain management, and psychopharmacology. In addition, a panel discussion will focus on the ongoing growth and evolution of pediatric palliative care programs. This course is designed especially for the experienced palliative care practitioner.