Objectives

- Recognize the multidimensional challenges facing palliative care in creating comprehensive access to services.
- Identify the individual organizations collaborating and their roles in addressing these challenges.
- Identify a variety of strategies for improving collaboration across programs and geography to enhance access to palliative care in one's own state and community.

In California three organizations have come together to create an environment that fosters the growth of palliative care availability at both the state and local level. With this collaboration, a climate is being created that facilitates the growth of palliative care in hospitals, the movement of palliative care into the community, and the strengthening of both the generalist and specialist palliative care workforce, now and in the future. Success in palliative care at the local level is ultimately predicated on the creation of a larger climate that engages not only healthcare professionals, but also policy makers, payer sources, health systems, and consumers. This session will provide insights into a statewide model that has evolved in California and that is accelerating the pace of palliative care change across the state. It will provide information and strategies for collaboration that can be implemented in states and communities across the country, thereby supporting expanded palliative care access for all Americans.