

2012 SHPCA PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE May 30 – June 1
Heritage Inn, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Butterfly Blessings 2: Rekindling the Spirit

Our conference will be packed with the best speakers, fabulous door prizes, great book selection for purchase, banquet with entertainment, and many other delights. Some of the key speakers are:



Dr. Brian Goldman hails from Toronto' Mount Sinai Hospital, and is known by millions of Canadians as CBC Radio One's 'house doctor, serving up information and advice on matters medical to twenty afternoon shows across the country. In addition, he created and hosts the CBC Radio One's *White Coat, Black Art* which was recently selected as winner in the category 'Excellence in Radio Reporting - in depth' for the 2011 CMA Media Awards for Health. The award was specifically for the two-part series "Will to Die". Title of his presentation for the conference is "Tough Talk About End of Life Care".



David Kessler is one of the most well-known experts and lecturers on death and grief today. His books include, *The Needs of the Dying, Life Lessons* (co-authored with Elisabeth Kubler-Ross) and his latest *Visions, Trips and Crowded Rooms*. His services have been used by people such as Elizabeth Taylor and Michael Landon. Kessler's work has been featured on CNN, NBC, PBS and Entertainment Tonight, and he has been interviewed on Oprah & Friends. David lives and works in beautiful Los Angeles, but is looking forward to spending some time with us prairie folk.



Dr. Alan Wolfelt is a noted author, educator and grief counselor. The author of over twenty books and recipient of the Association for Death Education and Counseling's Death Educator Award, Dr. Wolfelt serves as the Director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colorado. In addition, he has appeared on such shows as Larry King Live and NBC Today, serves as a faculty member in the Dept of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and still finds time to teach numerous workshops and courses.



Dr. Romayne Gallagher is a family physician with extensive experience in palliative care. She is currently Head of Residential Care and Palliative Care Divisions of the Department of Community and Family Medicine at Providence Health Care in British Columbia. She is also the Physician Program Director for Providence's Palliative Care Program and is a clinical professor in the Division of Palliative Care at UBC. She has published many research articles and authored chapters in palliative care and pain management publications.



Dr. Mike Harlos is Medical Director for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority Palliative Care Program and St. Boniface Hospital Palliative Care Program. He is a member of the Canadian Virtual Hospice Executive Team, setting strategic direction for www.virtualhospice.ca. Through his lectures, he shares his commitment to care with family medicine residents, oncology fellows, undergraduate medical and nursing students. He has a lengthy list of publications, and is a past winner of the Eduardo Bruera Award recognizing excellence in the field of palliative medicine.

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being. We should all be thankful for those people
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Albert Schweitzer

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