

#### ELNEC

End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium

**International Curriculum** 

Introduction to ELNEC International Curriculum

## Nurses Play a Key Role in Palliative Care

- No other healthcare professional spends more time at the bedside than the nurse, supporting
  - Physical needs
  - Psychological needs
  - Social needs
  - Spiritual needs



#### However.....

# WE CAN NOT PRACTICE WHAT WE DO NOT KNOW!



#### Partnership Established

- City of Hope
  - Textbooks
  - Curricula
  - Lack of faculty knowledge

- American
   Association of
   Colleges of Nursing
  - Peaceful Death
     Document: BSN
     Competencies in EOL
     care



American Association of Colleges of Nursing

## Results of This Partnership.... ELNEC

- 2000: Curriculum Developed
- 2001: 1st National ELNEC Course
- Currently 4 ELNEC Curricula:

**ELNEC-Core** 



**ELNEC-Geriatric** 



**ELNEC-Pediatric Palliative Care** 



**ELNEC-Critical Care** 

#### **ELNEC Modules**

**Module 1** Palliative Care

Module 2 Pain Management

Module 3 Symptom Management

Module 4 Ethical Issues in Palliative

Care

Module 5 Cultural/Spiritual Considerations

at the End of Life

#### **ELNEC Modules (cont.)**

Module 6 Communication

Module 7 Loss, Grief, Bereavement

Module 8 Final Hours

Resource Achieving Quality

**Palliative Care** 

# Throughout The Eight Modules Of ELNEC, There Are Certain Themes

# #1: Family as the Unit of Care



# Vital Role of the Nurse as Advocate



#### #3: Importance of Honoring Culture



#### #4:

#### **Attention to Special Populations**











# #5: End-Of-Life Issues Impact All Systems of Care







# #6: Financial Issues Influence End-of-Life Care



# **#7: Common In Not Only Cancer & AIDS, But Also Other Life- Threatening Illnesses/Sudden Death**







## #8: Interdisciplinary Care is Essential



## International Efforts to Disseminate ELNEC



- Presented in 6 of the 7 continents
- Representing 70 countries
  - Teaching ELNEC courses
  - Presenting at international conferences
  - Meeting with Ministers of Health, Faculty in Schools of Nursing, etc

#### Austria, Germany, India, Israel, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand Philippines, Tajikistan, Tanzania, etc.













#### : ELNEC-International Translated in 4 Languages

Добрый день • RUSSIAN:



· SPANISH: Buenos Dias, Amigos













#### **ELNEC Website:**

#### www.aacn.nche.edu/ELNEC

- ELNEC Connections
- List of ELNEC trainers by state
- International up-dates
- List of future national and regional ELNEC courses
- Resources to assist you in planning training
- Publications
- So much more......



#### **During These Next Days.....**



- Learn
- Share
- Network
- Commit to:
  - Providing palliative care education
  - Improving systems of care
  - Building relationships with those you can work with to accomplish your goals
  - Having a vision
  - Being a LEADER

#### Final Thought.....

"If you want to build a ship, don't drum up the people to gather wood, divide the work, and give orders. Instead, teach them to yearn for the vast and endless sea."

Antoine De Saint-Exupery
Author of *The Little Prince* 



