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Our Mission

The mission of the Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Studies at USF is to optimize care and systems of care for patients and families who are faced with non-curable diseases by:

• Generating new knowledge through interdisciplinary research;

• Using that knowledge to educate health and human service professionals, and

• Influencing public policy that supports quality end-of-life.

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OUR GOALS & ACTIVITIES

LONG TERM GOALS:
Become nationally known as a center for excellence in research and education in palliative and hospice care and end-of-life studies.

Research:
- Facilitate research aimed at improving quality of care and systems of care for patients and families facing advanced non-curable diseases.
- Assist researchers to explore and develop projects that may be pursued through intramural or extramural funding.
- Link researchers from varied disciplines whose research and teaching would be complemented by working together on important research questions related to palliative care and end-of-life issues.
- Seek opportunities to develop and test relevant measurement tools.
- Develop a uniform database at multiple sites to foster multicenter trials.
- Use research results to influence public policy that is supportive of quality health care at the end-of-life.

Education:
- Participate in research utilization and dissemination through presentations, publications, and classroom teaching.
- Involve learners at all levels in the activities of the Center as appropriate.
- Enhance classroom and continuing education programs related to palliative care and end-of-life issues. Promote evidence-based practice in the education of students and providers of health care.
- Provide on-going education for center members utilizing strengths and research outcomes of center members.

ACTIVITIES:

Research:
- Provide research funds for pilot studies with the potential to improve quality of care and systems of care for patients and families facing advanced non-curable diseases and families experiencing bereavement.
- Provide research funds for pilot studies with high potential for extramural grant funding in palliative care and end-of-life issues.
- Provide funds for doctoral students interested in conducting dissertation research focused on palliative and end-of-life issues.

Education:
- Provide state of the art educational opportunities for hospice staff, palliative care professionals, students and researchers interested in palliative care and end-of-life issues.
- Sponsor lecture series focused on palliative care and end-of-life issues for faculty, students, hospice and palliative care staff.
- Increase formal academic course offerings on palliative care and end-of-life issues.
- Improve communication between faculty members, palliative care professionals, and graduate students interested in palliative care and end-of-life issues.
- Serve as a forum to assist researchers in exploring and developing studies that may be pursued through intramural or extramural funding.
- Strengthen collaborative efforts with organizations providing end-of-life care including hospices and other palliative care programs.
- Provide educational conference for health care providers to improve palliative and end-of-life care.
The USF Center for Hospice, Palliative Care & End-of-Life Studies

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Moffitt Cancer Center
Howard Tuch, M.D., M.S.
Academic Director
Medical Director, Palliative Medicine
Tampa General Hospital
Assistant Professor
USF Division of Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Tuch is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He earned his medical degree from the University of North Carolina. His Internal Medicine Residency was completed at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as well as, his Geriatric Fellowship.

Dr. Tuch’s professional experience includes more than twenty years of clinical/administrative experience with an earlier focus on research. Dr. Tuch is also currently an Expert Medical Consultant, quality of care in nursing home, Network Project Member, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Member, Florida Health Care Association Council on Ethics, Member, Speaker’s Bureau Purdue-Frederick Corporation, Member, Institutional Innovation Task Force, Last Acts, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Physician Consultant, Florida Health Care Association, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Medical Consultant National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization, Physician Advocate, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Ronald Schonwetter, M.D.
Community Director
Chief Medical Officer
Chapters Health System
Adjunct Professor
USF Division of Geriatric Medicine

Dr. Schonwetter graduated from the University of South Florida (USF) College of Medicine in 1984. He completed his Internal Medicine residency and Geriatric Medicine fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine from 1984-1989.

He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. He subsequently has had over 25 years of experience working in the hospice and palliative medicine industry, most recently holding the title of Chief Medical Officer at Chapters Health System in Tampa, Florida. Formerly, he was a Professor, Division Director and Fellowship Program Director for Geriatric Medicine at USF. He was the founding Academic Director and currently is the Community Director of USF’s Center for Hospice, Palliative Care, and End of Life Studies.

Dr. Schonwetter served as Chairman, American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and President, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.
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The Research Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee about applications submitted to the Center for Pilot Research Grant funding and for the Graduate Research Assistantship.

**Lindy Davidson, M.Div.,**
Doctoral Student in Department of Communications
2013 Graduate Assistant Recipient

Lindy’s project has to do with parental decision-making as a key aspect of children’s healthcare. Spiritual resources often guide the decisions of parents of seriously ill children in the hospital and hospice settings, but few studies have systematically investigated this aspect of decision-making. Providing a systematic description of this complex process is a first step in understanding and modeling the ways in which a family’s values, religion, and spiritual beliefs impact treatment decisions.

This qualitative study will use ethnographic observation and interviews with parents of seriously ill children in both a hospital and hospice setting. Field notes and results from interviews will be analyzed using open-coding to identify themes that describe the impact of spiritual frameworks on parents’ decision-making and information seeking. Outcomes will include descriptions and documentation of specific ways spirituality impacts parents' decisions about care for seriously ill children, the role of medical providers in spiritual conversations, and the ways in which spiritual conversations preserve or break mutual pretense.

Results of this research will provide useful information for care providers seeking to incorporate spirituality into palliative care discussions with families, and will provide a starting point for a larger study on spirituality and pediatric palliative care, which will be the focus of my dissertation research.
2013 SPEAKERS

January 16, 2013
Shirley N. Codada, MD, Assistant Professor, Moffitt Cancer Center Department of Psychosocial & Palliative Care. “The Impact of Palliative Care on Patient’s Care”

February 13, 2013
Claudia Aguado Loi, PhD. MPH, Post-doctoral scholar & Research Fellow, College of Behavioral & Community Sciences, FMHI. “Depression Risk Factors Among Latina Breast Cancer Survivors”

March 20, 2013
Hsiao-Lan Wang, PhD, RN, CMSRN, HFS, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing. “Physical Activity Intervention Among Head and Neck Cancer (HNC) Survivors”

April 17, 2013
Patrick Dillon, MA, Department of Communications. “African-American and Hospice: A Culture-Centered Exploration of Disparities in End of Life Care.”

June 12, 2013
Dr. Robert L Arnold, Ed. D., M.A., B.C.P.C., C.T., C.A.C.P. Professional Development Coordinator for Psychosocial and Spiritual Care, The Hospice Institute of the Florida Suncoast. “Caring for the Patient with Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy: Is There a Role for Hospice and Palliative Care?”

July 10, 2013
Susan C. McMillan, PhD, ARNP, FAAN, Distinguished University Health Professor and Thompson Professor of Oncology Nursing, USF College of Nursing. “PCORI Project.”

October 9, 2013
Tamara Baker, PhD. Associate Professor, School of Aging Studies. “Satisfaction with Pain Treatment in Older Cancer Patients: Identifying Variants of Discrimination, Trust and Communication.”

November 13, 2013
Ladislav Volicer, MD, PhD., Professor, School of Aging Studies. White paper on “Palliative Care in Dementia from European Association for Palliative Care.”

December 11, 2013
Susan McMillan, PhD., ARNP, FAAN and Howard Tuch, MD. Group discussion: “Future of the Center.”
Samira K. Bechwith
President and CEO of Hope Healthcare Services was named the first person of the Year by Lee Pitts host and executive producer of the award-winning “Lee Pitts Live,” the longest-running local television talk show in Southwest Florida.

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was awarded the

Distinguished Researcher Award presented at the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) was honored with the award March 13 the group’s annual meeting in New Orleans, La.

In addition, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has approved a $2.1-million award to the University of South Florida College of Nursing to study “Patient Outcomes of a Self-care Management Approach to Cancer Symptoms: A Clinical Trial” in which Dr. McMillan is the Principal Investigator.
**Departments & Schools**

**College of Arts & Sciences**

“The College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual heart of the University of South Florida. They are a community of teachers and scholars united in the belief that broadly educated people are the basis of a just, free and prosperous society.”

The College of Arts and Sciences is home to more than 120 funded research faculty with more than $60 million in active contracts and grants. With over two dozen research institutes and centers, the College of Arts and Sciences is engaged in innovative, interdisciplinary research that has the potential to improve society from utilizing renewable energy to developing new drugs to cure cancer. Boasting a 30 percent recovery rate for F&A (also known as indirect costs), CAS grants generate over $4 million a year in RIA dollars (also known as research initiative accounts).

Research and scholarly excellence in natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities address a wide array of relevant topics that face our state, the nation and the world. Examples of these research activities include: bio-defense, forensics, conservation biology, hydrology and water resources, globalization, sustainability, renewable energy, cancer research, drug discovery, materials science, neuroscience, obesity, nanotechnology, and science & math literacy.

**College of Behavioral & Community Sciences**

“The College of Behavioral and Community Sciences mission is to prepares students, scholars, human service providers, policy makers, and other professionals to improve the quality of life, health, and safety of diverse populations and to promote positive change in individuals, groups, communities, organizations and systems. Through multidisciplinary teaching and research, service, and engagement with community partners.”

The College of Behavioral & Community Sciences was established in 2008, is breaking new ground by combining knowledge gained through the behavioral sciences with knowledge gained from the community. Our emphasis on behavioral science reflects a focus on individuals, emphasizing behavioral research that examines the problems and challenges people encounter, as well as, their need for clinical and supportive services. Our emphasis on community science reflects our commitment to understanding the larger contextual factors that have an impact on the well-being and safety of individuals and their families, such as the effectiveness of systems and policies that impact and support the well-being of individuals. We accomplish this by engaging community and neighborhood stakeholders in a partnered, participatory manner and by collaborating with local, state, and national organizations in both the public and private sectors.

The College of Behavioral & Community Sciences serves more than 2,600 students with six undergraduate, nine master’s, and five doctoral programs housed in seven academic departments/schools. The College is the home of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, one of the largest behavioral health research and training institutes in the country as well as 19 specialized Research Centers and Institutes. Our aim is nothing less than to be among the most influential resources for behavioral and community sciences in the region, nation, and world.

**Communications**

Graduate study at the University of South Florida Department of Communication emphasizes critical and qualitative research, a focus that is unusual among graduate programs in the field of Communication. The program offers a broad and integrated approach to Communication Studies that embraces the traditions of the humanities, the convergence of rhetorical and communication theory, and the relations among aesthetic, humanistic, and scientific approaches to inquiry.
**Communication Sciences & Disorders**

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders mission is to foster human communication by:

- Conducting research that increases the scientific understanding of communication in both typically-developing and communication-disordered populations.
- Educating and mentoring scientists, clinicians, and interpreters who work according to best practices.
- Operating teaching clinics that provide high quality diagnostic and treatment services to diverse populations.
- Advocating for and raising awareness of the communication needs and the rights of deaf people and of those with speech, language, and hearing disorders.

**School of Aging Studies**

“The primary mission of the School of Aging Studies is excellence in applied aging research and education.”

The School of Aging Studies at the University of South Florida mission is “excellence in applied aging research and education”. They are one of the oldest and largest gerontology educational programs in the United States, and one of the few programs offering bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees in Gerontology and Aging Studies. Their Ph.D. in Aging Studies program is a campus-wide doctoral program, hosted by the School of Aging Studies, but involving faculty from throughout the USF campus.

They currently have 16 full-time faculty who are engaged in exciting research activities. In addition, they work closely with a number of faculty members with joint appointments and adjunct appointments, who are actively engaged in our academic and research programs. The School of Aging Studies is also the host of the USF Collaborative on Aging, which works to enhance USF’s capacity and reputation as a university with campus-wide strength in aging research, education, and service.

**School of Social Work**

The School of Social Work mission is to prepare graduates to achieve excellence as professionals and leaders in social work practice, research, and education.

The mission of the University of South Florida, School of Social Work is to “prepare graduates to achieve excellence as professionals and leaders in social work practice, research, and education”. Their focus is to develop generalist social workers at the bachelor’s level, clinical social workers at the master’s level and social work scholars at the doctoral level and to encourage students to embrace social work knowledge, ethics, skills, and values. Beginning in our diverse region, and extending nationally and globally, they are committed to graduating students who reflect the School’s commitment to promoting social and economic justice, human rights, human dignity, scientific inquiry, and sustainable human and community well-being for all.

**Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI)**

The mission of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute is to improve the lives of people with mental, addictive, and developmental disorders through research, training, and education.

FMHI continues its mission to strengthen mental health services throughout the state. At the state level, the Institute works closely with the Departments of Children and Families (DCF), Corrections (DOC), Education (DOE), Elder Affairs (DOEA), Juvenile Justice (JJ), and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). FMHI faculty consults with members of the State Legisla-
ture as well with providers of behavioral health services throughout Florida. FMHI has proudly emerged as a national leader in behavioral health research. The Institute houses several state and national research and training centers focused on improving practices in treating mental, addictive, and developmental disorders. In addition, FMHI faculties were among a select group of scholars contributing to the President’s Commission on Mental Health. The Commission’s work resulted in a new national strategy to improve mental health systems in the United States.

**COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**“TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE, TRANSFORMING LIVES. CREATING THE NURSING LEADERS OF TOMORROW AND THE RESEARCH THAT IMPROVES HEALTH.”**

The USF College of Nursing began in 1973 by enrolling its charter class into the Bachelor’s Program. The College has grown steadily with the profession, adding a Master’s Program in 1980, a PhD Program in 1997, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program in 2005. The College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for the BS, MS and DNP degree programs. In addition, the Nurse Anesthesia masters concentration is accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs.

The Bachelor Program has expanded beyond traditional students, to include an accelerated 2nd bachelor sequence and a revolutionary new program where Registered Nurses may complete a bachelor degree in patient and staff education, leadership and management, or clinical excellence. In the Master’s Program, students may choose from concentrations in Nurse Anesthesia, Clinical Nurse Leader, Nurse Education, and six Nurse Practitioner sub-specialties. Graduate certificates are available in many of these concentrations as well. The PhD Program at USF prepares nurse scientists who conduct research, scholarly and faculty activities at research intensive universities, and are leaders in the profession. USF has the first DNP program approved by the Florida Board of Governors, and it has grown to provide advanced practice residency opportunities in primary care as well as Signature Residencies in high demand clinical specialties.

**COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**“THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC’S HEALTH THROUGH ADVANCING DISCOVERY, LEARNING, AND SERVICE.”**

The COPH was established in 1984 and is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health and offers master’s (MPH, MSPH and MHA) and doctoral degrees (PhD, DrPH), along with Florida’s first bachelor’s degree in public health. The curriculum features cooperative learning, research, problem-solving, and field experience and opportunities for dual degrees, including the MPH-MSW, MD-MPH, DPT-MPH and JD-MPH. Students can take advantage of education delivered by web, executive format, weekend or alternative calendar formats. Graduate certificates provide specialized training in areas ranging from global health and infection control to social marketing and interdisciplinary women’s health.

**MORSANI COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**


The USF Health Morsani College of Medicine, accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education, enrolled its charter class in 1971 and has grown to offer an extensive array of degree programs. In addition to doctorates in medicine (MD) and medical sciences (PhD), the college offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), master’s degrees as well more than a dozen graduate certificates and a bachelor’s in Athletic Training. The College’s SELECT MD education program, which welcomed its first class August 2011, emphasizes emotional intelligence and leadership
development. More than 80 medical residency programs are housed within the College. Opportunities exist for dual degree programs, including the MD-PhD and MD-MPH, and medical students can complete scholarly concentrations in areas ranging from business and entrepreneurship to research. The College is comprised of 19 departments:

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**College of Physician Assistant**

“The mission of the College of Medicine, Physician Assistant Program is to provide for the education of the students through the creation of a scholarly environment fostering excellence in the lifelong goals of education and compassionate patient care.”

The University of South Florida is proud to be starting a new physician assistant education program in the Morsani College of Medicine, Internal Medicine Department. The program is now in its infancy and has applied for provisional accreditation through the Accreditation Review Commission for the Education of the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). The process will take until the results of the provisional accreditation visit are released, October 2014. In the meantime preparations are in progress to complete the application and ready the facility for the Charter Class entering in May 2015.

**College of Pharmacy**

USF College of Pharmacy’s Mission is to Revolutionize Health by:

“Innovation of Patient Centered Healthcare through Education, Research, and Service Empowerment of Students, Professionals, and Patients as Catalysts for Change at all Levels of Health”

Opened in August 2011, the USF College of Pharmacy offers a four-year Doctor of Pharmacy degree (PharmD). The college’s interprofessional curriculum, emphasizing geriatric pharmacotherapy, translational pharmacogenetics, leadership management and informatics and technology, is designed to prepare students to deliver technologically-advanced pharmaceutical care based on genetic profile and individualized responses to medications. The patient-centered program provides students practice experiences in a variety of hospital and community settings from their first year. The College earned initial accreditation in July 2011.
Chapters Health System, Inc. (CHS) is a not-for-profit, community-based, post-acute health care system. It provides a wide range of patient-centered health care services and programs that include hospice and palliative care. CHS is a parent support company incorporating five affiliates and programs: LifePath Hospice; Good Shepherd Hospice; Chapters Health Palliative Care, LLC; Chapters Health Pharmacy, LLC; and Chapters Health Staffing, LLC. The mission of CHS is to: “support and care for people in our community with or affected by advanced illness by offering a wide variety of compassionate healthcare options.” At CHS, hospice services are available for patients who have been diagnosed to be in the last six months of a life-limiting illness. CHS provides patient-centered and value based clinical programs that offer the right care in the right setting at the right time along a patient’s illness trajectory from which a patient/family may choose.

LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospice are accredited by The Joint Commission and continue to be leaders in program development and innovation in palliative care in order to enhance the quality of life for all patients. During 2013, CHS had 1,089 full time, 40 part time employees, and 223 “as needed pool” employees, as well as 1,572 volunteers. During the same calendar year, LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospice served 11,074 patients and admitted 9,038 new patients. The hospices’ average daily census in 2013 was 1,980 patients. During 2013, 1,719 physicians referred patients to LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospices while 193 nursing homes and assisted living facilities partnered with them. In partnership with Children’s Medical Services Network, LifePath and Good Shepherd Hospices also participated in the Partners in Care/Together for Kids Program (PIC) which provides non hospice multi-disciplinary palliative care for children not expected to live into adulthood. In 2013, they admitted 56 children in the PIC program.

LifePath Hospice and Good Shepherd Hospice have 5 acute inpatient units/facilities located in Temple Terrace (24 beds), Sun City Center (24 beds), Lakeland (16 beds), and Auburndale (12 beds), and Sebring (16 beds) totaling 92 beds serving four counties. These units have served 3,472 patients in 2013. In the Good Shepherd Hospice service area, a new state of the art hospice house in Lakeland opened in early 2014. The new facility provides an additional 16 beds to meet the acute inpatient needs in the Lakeland service area.

In addition to home and facility based hospice care, Chapters Health Palliative Care, LLC provided hospital-based palliative care consult services in partnership with five community-based hospitals (St. Joseph’s Hospital, St. Joseph’s North, St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital, Florida Hospital Tampa, and Winter Haven Hospital) and community nursing homes, serving over 2,202 patients in 2013. Of those patients served by Chapters Health Palliative Care, 193 were pediatric patients.
In 2013, LifePath Hospice, in cooperation with The University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa General Hospital, the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, and the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, continued sponsoring a physician fellowship program, which began in 2007. The one-year program is made available to physicians who opt to have subspecialty hospice and palliative medicine training as sanctioned by the American Board of Medical Specialties in 2006. In 2013, four physician fellows were trained at LifePath Hospice. Through our Medical Student Rotation Program, 113 third-year and four fourth-year students of the USF School of Medicine were trained by CHS professional staff in the areas of pain, symptom management, palliative and hospice care, involving hospice patients. CHS was reaccredited by the National Institute of Jewish Hospice and continues to provide a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program.

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CHS continues to be the leader in program development and innovation in palliative care by engaging in clinical, behavioral, prevalence and etiological research that enhance the quality of life for our patients, facilitating and supporting the palliative needs of our patients and their families. Most of our new knowledge is generated from our field-based, intramural and extramural studies, clinical trials, psychosocial and behavioral research initiated by interdisciplinary services professionals working with the CHS Research Department staff. As a national post-acute health care system leader, CHS had the opportunity to participate in grant projects and conference presentations.

http://www.chaptershealth.org/
Suncoast Hospice and its family of programs provide care, compassion and comfort for thousands of Tampa Bay area residents with hospice care, inpatient care centers, palliative home health, AIDS/HIV services, children’s programs, caregiver training and support, advance care planning, Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) and more.

Hospice Care

From the moment of diagnosis, we are here to help. Patient concerns and preferences guide our care and options. Care is available to everyone regardless of age or diagnosis. Suncoast Hospice care includes:

Hospice Care Teams

Hospice and palliative medicinal professionals collaborate to address pain and symptoms and provide support to families. This team also includes medical equipment technicians, pharmacists, licensed counselors, chaplains and trained volunteers based on patient needs.

Care Centers

Suncoast Hospice Care Centers focus on 24/7 expert medical care, pain control and symptom management with warm and caring environments for our patients and support for visiting family members and friends. Locations are in Palm Harbor, Pinellas Park and inside Bayfront Health in downtown St. Petersburg.

Integrative Medicine Clinic

The clinic combines a variety of complementary principles and practices with conventional medicine employing the best of all medical modalities, focusing on mind, body, spirit and emotions while providing relief for patients from a variety of pain and symptoms.

Children and Families

Suncoast Hospice assists children and teens dealing with serious illnesses and provides grief and healing support for children who have experienced loss and for families who have lost a child. Children and family services include:

- Children’s hospice & palliative care
- Infant and prenatal loss support
- Crisis and trauma support

http://www.suncoasthospice.org
Palliative Care

Palliative care is provided to people living with serious illnesses to relieve pain and other symptoms and improve comfort and quality of life. Palliative Care services include:

Pain & Symptom Management

A specialized team of professionals that help ease physical, emotional and spiritual pain. This care is offered in patients’ homes, hospitals, nursing homes or care centers.

Home Care

This program is specifically designed for patients of any age who are living with a serious illness or injury and have complex care needs but wish to remain at home.

Grief & Healing

Grief and healing support services are available to families of Suncoast Hospice patients with specialized counseling for children and their families as well as members of the community experiencing sudden death or trauma. Services include:

• Support groups
• Caregiver support
• Community memorial services

Suncoast PACE

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a Medicare/Medicaid program helping those 55+ remain independent. Services include:

• Case management
• Medical services & supplies
• Transportation & Social programs
• Wellness activities & Medicines

Advanced Directives & Living Wills

Project GRACE is a community resource that provides individuals, families, professionals and groups advance-care planning services, training and assistance with writing a living will and POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) forms. Its mission is to promote planning that respects and honors each individual’s wishes, values and spiritual beliefs.
Moffitt Cancer Center physicians, scientists and staff members work together to establish a tradition of excellence offered in an atmosphere characterized by kindness, care and has part of an elite group of National Cancer Institute (NCI) Comprehensive Cancer Centers, Moffitt focuses on the development of research aimed at the rapid translation of scientific discoveries to benefit patient care.

MISSION

Moffitt’s mission is to contribute to the prevention and cure of cancer.

VISION

Our vision is to transform cancer care through service, science and partnership.

OUR HISTORY & FOUNDER

Moffitt Cancer Center was established in 1981 by the Florida Legislature to address the state’s cancer burden. The center was named after H. Lee Moffitt, former Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. In 1977, H. Lee Moffitt lost three friends to cancer — each of whom had to seek sophisticated cancer treatment outside of Florida. Out of Moffitt’s sadness was born a resolve that would direct his efforts for years to come. He drove the legislation that established a cancer center in Tampa, and is the impetus behind our name and mission.

NCI-DESIGNATED CANCER CENTER

While many health care organizations call themselves comprehensive, the term “comprehensive,” as designated by the NCI, means much more than state-of-the-art cancer care and services. To achieve NCI designation, a cancer center must have a strong research base and offer a wide spectrum of prevention, care, education and information — impacting people affected by cancer worldwide. This is why Moffitt is one of only 41 cancer centers in the U.S. to have achieved this distinction.
The Hope Mission
To provide exceptional care and support to every individual and their loved ones as they fulfill life’s journey.

www.HopeHCS.org

Hope Comfort Care
Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.
Palliative care consultations for those with serious, advancing illness

Hope Connections
Glades and Hendry counties
Home-bases independent living and care for people 60 and older

Hope Healing Hearts
Glades, Hendry and Lee counties
Counseling and support for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one

Hope Hospice
Glades, Hendry and Lee counties
Care, comfort and support for individuals with life-limiting illnesses and their families

Hope Kids Care
Glades, Hendry and Lee counties
Help for children and families coping with grief or serious illness

Hope PACE
Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties
Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly: Medicare/Medicaid or private pay program enabling people 55 and older to maintain independent living

Hope Parkinson Program
Lee County
Services and activities for people living with Parkinson’s disease and their care partners

Hope VALOR Program
Glades, Hendry and Lee counties
Specialized care and support for veterans; recognition for service

Hope Visiting Nurses
Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties
Medicare or private pay services including home health care, home health aides, special therapies and social worker assessment
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For more than 30 years, Tidewell has provided the highest quality care to patients and families living with advanced illness, while honoring human dignity and personal choice. Tidewell strives to treat the whole person — fulfilling physical, emotional and spiritual needs — and views patients and their loved ones as a unit. That’s what makes Tidewell so unique in today’s health care picture.

Serving more than 1,100 patients daily in Sarasota, Manatee, Charlotte and DeSoto counties, Tidewell is one of the largest not-for-profit hospices in the U.S. Home-based palliative care is the basic premise of Tidewell’s services, involving the support of physicians, nurses, social workers, certified nursing assistants, grief counselors and volunteers, all following a prescribed plan of care.

Creating a quality, dignified end-of-life experience is Tidewell’s goal. In doing so, Tidewell pays tribute to the principles that distinguish hospice from other types of health care providers:

- Holistic care
- A team of professionals serving every family
- An in-home centered philosophy
- A patient and family focus
- Cost-effectiveness

Tidewell provides comfort and support to deal with complex and difficult end-of-life issues and, along the way, find joy in each day. These services are available to everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

In choosing Tidewell, patients and families make a decision to spend their last months together in a familiar, caring environment. Tidewell’s supportive services create a sense of relief, as trained professionals offer care and guidance. They are experts in pain and symptom control. Decisions are made based on the individualized needs of patients, with the realization that something more can always be done to bring comfort and dignity to those living with advanced illness.

Founded in 1980, Tidewell has grown significantly in the past three decades. Although hospice is often misunderstood as care just for cancer patients, Tidewell admits patients with a broad range of diagnoses, including heart and lung disease, AIDS, renal failure, ALS and end-stage Alzheimer’s. Any disease with a predictable prognosis of six months or less is within Tidewell’s admission criteria.

Tidewell doesn’t give patients the power to shorten or prolong life, just the power to live it as they choose.

www.tidewell.org
GRANTS

Phase I - Social Work and Integrated Behavioral Health Project
PI: Marion Becker
Dates: 2012 – 2013
Amount: $5,000
Council on Social Work Education-National Association of Deans and Directors

Phase II - Social Work and Integrated Behavioral Health Project
PI: Marion Becker
Amount: $10,000
Council on Social Work Education-National Association of Deans and Directors

Adoptability and Implementation of the Quality Improvement Palliative Care Training Program for Staff in Assisted Living Settings.
PI: Debra Dobbs, Ph.D.
Dates: 07/01/13 to 06/30/14
Amount: $7,500
Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, University of South Florida

Caregiving and Health Care Utilization after Stroke among Medicare Beneficiaries
PI: David Roth, PhD (Johns Hopkins University)
Collaborator: William E. Haley, PhD
Dates: 2011-2016
Amount: $2,944,394.00 (subcontract $313,049.00)
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (1R01NS075047)

Patient Outcomes of a Self-care Management Approach to Cancer Symptoms: A Clinical Trial
PI: Susan McMillan, Ph.D.
Collaborator: William E. Haley, Ph.D.
Collaborador: Hongdao Meng
Dates: 2013-2016
Amount: $2 million
(PCORI 4025)

Efficacy of Home-Based Self-Management for Chronic Fatigue
PI: Fred Friedberg, PhD (Stony Brook University)
Co-Investigator: Hongdao Meng
Dates: 2012-2014
NIH/NINR R42NR010496
Psychological Distress in Newly Diagnosed Oropharyngeal Cancer Patients: Role of HPV Status
PI: Lora Thompson, MD
Collaborator: Kristine Donovan, PhD
Dates: 2012-2013
Amount: $30,000
*American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant -93-032-16*

Development and Evaluation of Online CME Course for Disseminating Clinical Guide
PI: Ladislav Volicer, MD, PhD
Amount: $196,100
*Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (1 R18 HS021945-01)*

Colorectal Cancer Screening in African Americans: Methodologies Help Reduce Disparity
PI: Hsiao-Lan Wang
Mentor: Dr. Clement Gwede
Consultant: Dr. Maria Fernandez
Dates: 2013-2014
Amount: $20,000
*Research Career Development Award, Oncology Nursing Society Foundation*

Health Disparities Research Fellow Mentoring Program
Role: Hsiao-Lan Wang, Health Disparities Research Fellow
The People’s Scientific Conference to Promote Health and Eliminate Health Disparities
University of Florida
Date: 2013
Amount: $460
*National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (1R13MD007621-01)*

Identification of Human Serum miRNAs for the Early Detection of Ovarian Cancer
(PI: Feng Cheng)
Co-Investigator: Hsiao-Lan Wang
Date: 2013-2014
Amount: $8,740
*Women’s Health Collaborative Grant, University of South Florida*

Physical Activity for Advanced Stage Cancer Patients
PI: Hsiao-Lan Wang
Date: 2013-2014
Amount: $145,000
*Pilot Research Grant Program, Center for Hospice, Palliative Care and End of Life Studies, University of South Florida*
PRESENTATIONS

Arsenault, T. (October, 2013) Curative, Palliative, and Hospice Care: Ethics Myths & Understandings. Presented at the BayCare Annual Ethical Perspectives in Health-Care Conference – Making a Difference at the Bedside. Clearwater, FL.


Baker, T.A., (2013, October) Satisfaction with pain treatment in older cancer patients: Identifying variants of discrimination, trust, and communication. Presented at the networking meeting for the Center of Hospice, Palliative Care, and EOL Studies at USF. Tampa, FL.


Begley, S.S. (2013, November) Integrative Medicine in Hospice Care: Easing the Transition” Presented at the St Petersburg College Holistic Conference. St. Petersburg, FL.


Dobbs, D. (2013, May) The association between assisted living organizational characteristics and palliative and hospice care use in Florida. Poster presented at the meeting of the World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, Prague, Czech Republic.


Meng, H. (2013, November) Predictors of Care Transitions among Dual-Eligible Residential Care Facility Residents. Presented at the American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.


**PUBLICATIONS**


Meng, H., King-Kallimanis, B., Gum, A., Wamsley, B. (2013) Measurement Bias of the SF-36 Health Survey in Older Adults with Chronic Conditions. Quality of Life Research. 22(9):2359-2369.


