

## ■DESCRIPTION

This workshop will provide introduction to the concepts of perinatal palliative care with emphasis on quality of life and support in decision making. Spirituality issues, as they relate to the loss of a fetus or neonate will be reviewed. The impact of grief and bereavement on the caregiver and healthful interventions is discussed. Communication challenges with families experiencing perinatal loss or the birth of a child with a life threatening condition will be discussed. The use of photography and other mementos as a way for families to gain meaning in perinatal loss will be described.

## ■LOCATION

Firelands Regional Medical Center. For directions, check out <http://firelands.com> or call the hospital at 800-342-1177. The hospital is located on Rt 4 (Hayes Ave.), which can be reached from the turnpike, Rt 2, or Rt 6. The Mylander Conference Center is located in the main hospital. Free parking is available in the parking garage at the intersection of Hayes Ave and Decatur Street.

## ■REGISTRATION

The fee is \$15 for employees of Consortium member hospitals and \$35 for all others if postmarked on or before **August 14, 2009** and \$20 for employees of member hospitals and \$40 for all others if postmarked after **August 14, 2009**. This includes conference materials, morning and afternoon refreshments, and continuing education credit. Lunch will be on your own. Refunds are available if notification is provided at least 48 hours prior to the conference. The office voice mail takes messages 24 hours per day. Substitutes are accepted anytime.

## ■CREDITS

A certificate of attendance will be awarded to all participants.

The Toledo Hospital Social Work Services has authorized **4** clock hours of Continuing Professional Education credit to Social Workers (provider # RSX 058902) & Counselors (provider # RCX 119015) completing this program according to the standards of the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage and Family Therapist Board. **(Participant must attend entire program to receive any Counselor/Social Worker credit. No partial credit available).**

ProMedica Health System (OH-069/4-1-12) is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91), an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

## ■QUESTIONS:

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# Perinatal Bereavement

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**Friday, August 28, 2009**

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**Mylander Conference Center  
Firelands Regional Medical Center  
1111 Hayes Avenue  
Sandusky, OH 44870**

*Offered by:*

*Perinatal Region III+ Education Consortium  
This program is an educational event co-  
provided by ProMedica Health System and the  
Region III+ Perinatal Education Consortium.*



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*The Perinatal Region III+ Education Consortium is a collaborative effort of perinatal professionals of member hospitals in Region III+. The mission of the Consortium is to enhance the quality and quantity of basic orientation and continuing education resources available to the perinatal staff of member hospitals.*

## ■PLANNING COMMITTEE AND/OR FACULTY

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## ■AGENDA

7:30 a.m. Registration/  
Conference Breakfast

7:45 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

8:00 a.m. **Perinatal Palliative Care in a  
Nutshell**

Beth McBurney-White, MSN  
Palliative care vs. hospice, interdisciplinary  
team approach and moral distress.  
*Objective: Discuss the interdisciplinary  
team approach to caring for families  
experiencing perinatal loss.*

9:00 a.m. **Spirituality Issues in Perinatal  
Palliative Care**

Julie Beitelschees, MDiv., BCC  
Acceptance as key to meet spiritual needs of  
families and caregivers. Variables to  
consider in supporting spiritual strength  
during perinatal loss. Major religious  
viewpoints on death and dying. Care for the  
caregiver. *Objective: Analyze spirituality  
during pregnancy loss for families and  
caregivers.*

10:00 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m. **Communication Challenges in  
Perinatal Palliative Care**

Kim Folk-Axe, MSW, LISW  
Description of communication challenges.  
Useful techniques to open parent/provider  
communication channels. *Objective:  
Describe communication challenges and  
helpful interventions in perinatal  
bereavement.*

11:15 p.m. **Mementoes in Perinatal  
Palliative Care**

Colleen Kwiatkowski, RN, BSN  
Mementos as a source of meaning for  
families experiencing perinatal loss and  
bereavement. Examples of meaningful  
mementos. *Objective: Explore methods to  
create mementos for families experiencing  
perinatal loss.*

12:15 p.m. Evaluations

12:30 p.m. Adjournment

Please share this announcement with a  
colleague who has not yet attended a  
conference on perinatal grief support.

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\$15 staff of member hospitals

\$35 all others

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\$20 staff of member hospitals

\$40 all others

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