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The State of the Art for Hospice & Palliative Care: Compassionate Collaboration in the Post-Acute Continuum Hospice and palliative care in the US has grown and thrived due to the efforts of visionary, charismatic leaders. To sustain our field into the future, it is imperative that our current array of principles and practices be woven into the fabric of this unique American reality. This requires the support, involvement and service of the healthcare providers. This panel will explore the challenges of palliative care "movement" to become mainstreamed and normalized, with procedures and regulations governing our industry's behavior. Collaboration between post-acute care providers, i.e. hospice, palliative care, homecare, and long-term care, can attract the attention of emerging payment and delivery model providers, such as Accountable Care Organizations. This keynote will review the path we have taken to get where we are today and then focus on the challenges ahead. Messaging strategies to amplify hospice and palliative care activism and foster program growth will be described and demonstrated.

Your Crystal Ball Needs Polishing! How to be a Better Prognosticator

Inaccurate prognostication can have a significant negative impact on the end-of-life experience for patients and families. The importance of accurate prognostication will be emphasized, the challenges of accurate prognostication will be discussed, and tools that can aid in accurate prognostication will be discussed. Disease-specific case studies will be provided.

The Social Model Hospice: Innovative Advocacy in End-of-Life Care The Social Model Hospice is a high-intensity, high-touch care setting designed to provide a more comprehensive approach to hospice care. It is a holistic approach to end-of-life care that focuses on the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the patient and their family. The Social Model Hospice aims to provide a more personalized and patient-centered approach to care, with a focus on empowering patients and families to make informed decisions about their care. The Social Model Hospice is a departure from the traditional hospice model, which is often viewed as a place of residence for patients in their final stages of life. The Social Model Hospice is a place of hope and healing, where patients and families can find comfort and support in their final days. It is a place where patients and families can find hope and healing, and where they can be empowered to make informed decisions about their care.