

Missouri Alliance for HOME CARE
presents

**When Home Care Becomes More:
Palliative Care for the
Home Care Patient**

featuring
Lores Vlaminc, RN, BSN, MA



A Two-Part Telephone Conference
October 27th & November 16th, 2010
2:00 - 3:30 p.m. CT
(Participation in both parts is required)

About this set of teleconferences:

Palliative care focuses on improving overall quality of life for patients and families facing serious illness. Palliative care is provided by a team of professionals working together with the primary doctor. It is appropriate at any point in a serious illness and can be provided at the same time as treatment that is meant to cure. This teamwork-friendly care plan can help to relieve symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath, fatigue, constipation, nausea, loss of appetite and difficulty sleeping, thereby helping patients gain the strength for daily living and improving ability to tolerate medical treatments.

This conference is a total of 3 hours in duration: you must attend both sessions to receive nursing contact hours.

The following topics are included in the two-part telephone conference:

- Palliative care versus Hospice
- Barriers and challenges to access palliative care
- Reimbursement for Palliative Care/Home Care/Hospice
- Difficult discussions for the nurse clinician: Tools and Resources
- DNR/Advance Care Planning/Hospitalization/IV/Dialysis/Artificial Hydration and Nutrition/ICD
- Physiological changes (specifically addressing malnourishment, dehydration and starvation)
- Naming our fears as clinicians – importance of team support

Our speaker:

Lores Vlaminc, RN, BSN, MA is a consultant for home care, palliative care, hospice, and assisted living - providing education, training, and mentoring, mock surveys, development and agency analysis. Lores' 34 years of professional nursing experience spans clinical practice in cardiac and intensive care, outpatient clinic services and most recently serving as a home care and hospice administrator/director for 19 years in greater Minnesota.