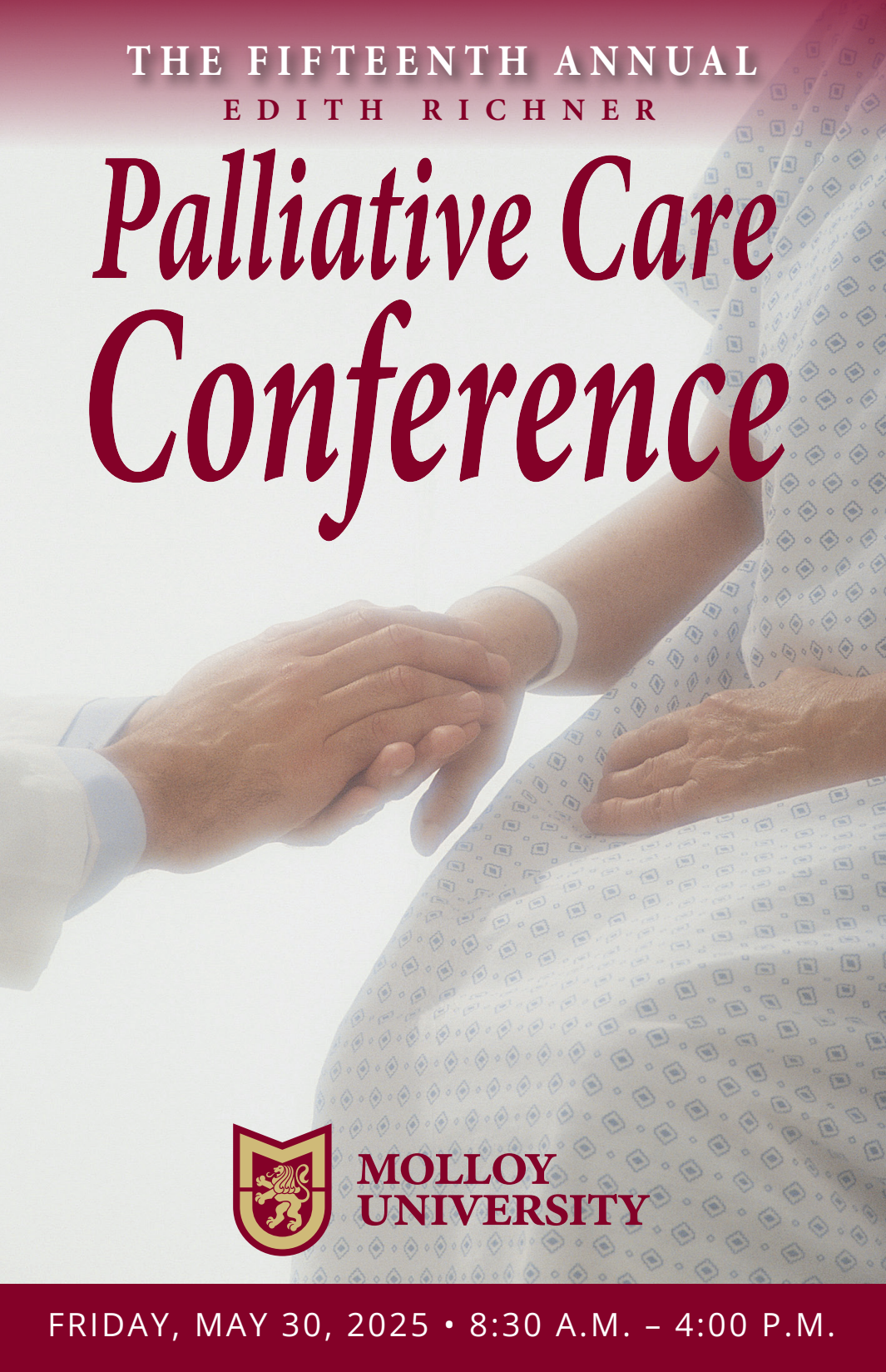


THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
EDITH RICHNER

Palliative Care Conference



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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025 • 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

15th Annual Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

Molloy University, in collaboration with community partners, is pleased to be offering its 15th annual Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference on Long Island.

The conference will be held on Friday, May 30, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Madison Theater at Molloy's Rockville Centre campus and also online via Zoom. The agenda for the day will include a Keynote Session and a series of topics offered during three concurrent sessions. The keynote speaker will be Maria Torroella Carney, MD, MACP.

The 2025 conference will offer two options to attend: in-person and virtual through Zoom.

The main objective of this year's conference is for the participants to enhance their ability to provide professional, competent, empathetic care to patients and their families.

This year's conference will focus on the new developments in this growing and dynamic field. Experts from medicine, nursing, pastoral care, child life and social work will present the latest advancements in the fields of symptom management, ethics and communication, staff self-care and bereavement. Clinicians from across the continuum will engage participants in discussions about best practices and barriers, to timely excellent palliative care in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice organizations. As always, the main objective of this year's conference is for the participants to come away with new tools to provide professional, competent, compassionate care to patients and their families. At this year's conference we will again provide clinicians from all disciplines with a wide variety of palliative care topics, presented by an outstanding group of speakers.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

The intended audience includes: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Social Workers, Clergy, Psychiatrists, Therapists (including music, physical, recreational and occupational), Dietitians, EMTs, teachers, students and volunteers.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast with Exhibitors

in the Madison Theatre Lobby, Public Square

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks

in the Madison Theatre, Public Square

Louis J. Cino, Dean, Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker:

Maria Torroella Carney, MD, MACP, Chief, Division Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Medical Director, Continuing Care; Professor, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Northwell Department of Medicine

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break with Exhibitors

in the Madison Theatre Lobby, Public Square (in-person only)

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I (locations to be announced)

Conference participants will be able to pick from a variety of topics presented during this session. In-person sessions are indicated by yellow highlight (**in-person**) and virtual sessions through Zoom are indicated by light blue highlight (**virtual or virtual only**). Space constraints did not allow for the inclusion of session descriptions or speaker bios. Please visit our conference webpage at: www.molloy.edu/ce/pcc for session descriptions and speaker bios. Participants will be asked to pre-register for the topics that they would like to attend. In-person seating is limited, so please make your selections early. Those attending virtually will be emailed the Zoom link for their sessions. Please use the conference code to the left of the session title when completing the registration form on the inside back cover of this brochure.

Conference participants will be able to pick from the following topics presented during this concurrent session

1A *The Dying Child: Bearing Witness to a Family's Journey of Finding Light in the Darkness- **Marianne Muzic**, LCSW, APHSW-C, PMH-C, Palliative Care Program Manager, St. Mary's Healthcare System for Children (in-person) and (virtual)

1B. *Living with 9/11 Cancer: A Support Group Aimed at Helping WTC Health Program General Responders and Survivors Diagnosed with 9/11 Related-Cancer and the Introduction of Patient Centered-Goals and Discussing Treating the Person vs Treating the Disease - Sharon Daneshgar, LCSW-R, OSW-C and **Georgianne Kraft**, LCSW-R, OSW-C (in-person)

1C. *Leadership/Counseling and Coaching Staff - Joyce Palmieri, MS, RN, CHPN, FPCN, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care (in-person)

1D. *Being In-Between: Caretaking and Grief in Palliative Care - Jennifer Scuro, Ph.D., Molloy University (virtual)

1E. *A Cross-Cultural Analysis of the Uses of Music in Death and Grief: Considerations for Clinical Music Therapy Practice **Kaitlyn Kelly**, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Molloy University (in-person) and (virtual)

1F. *Changes in Policy & Legislation for Supporting Family Caregivers - Tara Anglim, EdD., LCSW-R, ACHP-SW; AED of Culture and Experience Peconic Bay Medical Center-Northwell Health, **Alyssa McCready**, LCSW and **Kacey Farber** LMSW (in-person)

1G. *Is My Sister Dying? Supporting Siblings of Children with Medical Complexities and Their Families Throughout the Progression of Disease - Jacob Portnoy, CCLS and **Dori Resnick**, LMSW, St. Mary's Hospital for Children (in-person)

1H. *Culturally-Competent Oncology, Hospice and Palliative Care for Latinx, Chinese, and Korean Immigrants: Clinical and Research Perspectives - Cathy Berkman, PhD, MSW, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, **Grace R. Downs-Liguori**, LCSW, Oncology Social Worker, Mount Sinai Queens; **Xiaofang Liu**, PhD, MSW, Study Coordinator, Columbia Population Research Center, **Hing Lin (Helen) Sit**, LCSW, Manager, VNS Health Chinatown NNORC and **Mi (Emma) Zhou**, LCSW, Social Work Supervisor, Mount Sinai The Blavatnik Family Chelsea Medical Center (in-person)

1I. *What Matters Most and Implementing Goals of Care for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Supported by OPWDD - Dr. Lindsey Semprini, MD, Palliative Medicine, Northwell Health & **Christine Gallo**, LCSW, GC-C, YTT, Palliative Medicine, PBMC-Northwell Health (in-person)

1J. *End of Life, Trauma and Psychedelics - Dr. Cristian Zanartu Physician, New York Cancer & Blood Specialists (in-person) and (virtual)

* These session are approved for SW CE credit

11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Exhibitors
in the Madison Theatre Lobby, Public Square (in-person only)

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions II (in-person locations to be announced)
Conference participants will be able to pick from the following topics presented during this concurrent session

2A. *4 M's of Age Friendly Care: What Matters, Medication, Mentation and Mobility - Dr. Lindsey Semprini, MD, Palliative Medicine, Northwell Health & **Christine Gallo**, LCSW, GC-C, YTT, Palliative Medicine, PBMC-Northwell Health (in-person)

2B. *The Mindful Practitioner: Developing an Artful Contemplative Practice – Dr. Katherine Patterson, Molloy University (in-person)

2C. *Taking Care of Your Compassionate Heart, - **Phyllis S. Quinlan**, PhD, RN-BC, Director: Clinical Professional Development, Internal Coach, Cohen Children's Medical Center/Northwell Health [\(in-person\)](#)

2D. **Fostering Resilience in Family Caregiving Through Education, Empathy and Empowerment - **Patricia Daly**, LCSW, APHSW-C, Sr. Program Manager, Serenity Family Caregiver Program, Northwell Health LJJ Medical Center [\(in-person\)](#) and [\(virtual\)](#)

2E. *Crisis of Faith: Spirituality - **Sr. Edith Menegus**, OSU, BCC, ThM, Director of Pastoral Care, St. Charles Hospital & St. Catherine of Siena Hospital; **Rabbi Deborah Miller**, BCC, Chaplain at Northwell Health; **Reverend Mark Bigelow**, Pastor, Congregational Church of Huntington [\(in-person\)](#)

2F. *Why Trauma Matters in End-of-Life Care: A Practical Approach - **Jade Johnson**, LCSW, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, **Karen Telman**, LCSW, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, **Kathleen Ringel**, LMSW, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care & Fordham University Adjunct Professor [\(in-person\)](#)

2G. *Caring for the Whole Person: The Importance of Social Determinants of Health in Community Based Palliative Care Supportive Services - **Lori Hardoon**, LCSW, Senior Director, JASA Palliative Care Supportive Services and **Maria Lever** LMSW, Clinical Supervisor JASA Palliative Care Supportive Services [\(in-person\)](#)

2H. *Lynda Cooper Mentoring Session for Those New to Palliative Care - **Sue Degnan**, LMSW, OSW-C, ACHP-SW and **Joyce Palmieri**, MS, RN, CHPN, FPCN, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care [\(in-person\)](#)

2I. *Current Issues Affecting Veteran's Health at End-of-Life - **Ashton Stewart**, Veteran Program Manager, MJHS Health System [\(in-person\)](#) and [\(virtual\)](#)

2J. *Cultivating Happiness: How To Enhance Joy in Your Life - **Paula Pagan**, LCSW-R, Long Island Elder Care [\(in-person\)](#) and [\(virtual\)](#)

2K. *Ripples of Grief: Music Psychotherapy from First Moments to Last - **Lauren Fagan-Antonelli**, MS, LCAT, MT-BC and **Lillie Klein**, MS, LCAT, MT-BC, Molloy University [\(in-person\)](#) and [\(virtual\)](#)

* These session are approved for SW CE credit

2:00 - 2:15 p.m. Break

in the Madison Theatre Lobby, Public Square [\(in-person only\)](#)

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Closing General Session (Hays Theatre, Wilbur Arts Center)

Conference participants will be able to pick from the following topics presented during this concurrent session.

Panel Discussion: Ethics and the Multidisciplinary Team in Palliative Care - Moderator: **Renee McLeod-Sordjan**, DNP, PhD, CENP, FNAP, FNYAM, FAME, FAAN, Director, Division of Medical Ethics, Department of Medicine, Northwell Health System and NuHealth, Chair, Northwell Health System Ethics Review Committee, Associate Professor, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, Co-Course Director, Hofstra University Bioethics Center

Health Panelists: **Dr. Cristian Zanartu** Physician, JASA Palliative Care Supportive Services; **Rabbi Deborah Miller**, BCC, Chaplain at Northwell Health **Christine Gallo**, LCSW, GC-C, YTT, Palliative Medicine, PBMC-Northwell Health, **Ciara Firello**, BSN, RN, CHPN, Director of Patient Services, Good Shepherd Hospice

3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Distribution of Certificates of Completion

in the Hays Theatre Lobby, Wilbur Arts Center [\(in-person\)](#)



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CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT:

Nursing Continuing Education Credit

Molloy University is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New Jersey State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses' Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation approval #NPY273-6/2025. 1 contact hour will be awarded for the keynote session and 1.5 hours for each concurrent session of the three Concurrent Sessions for a total of 5.5 contact hours if you attend each session of the conference.

Social Work Continuing Education Credit

Molloy University Social Work CPE is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #0110 and that a number of sessions offered for the Palliative Care Conference have been approved for Social Work CE credit. The keynote session is approved for 1 hour and a number of the Concurrent Session I, II & III (1.5 hour each) are approved. Therefore, a total of 5.5 hours will be granted if the participant attends the approved sessions. The approved sessions are listed in the Concurrent Sessions sections with an asterisk.

Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs)

Molloy University is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Mental Health Practitioners as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed mental health counselors. #MHC-0052. This conference is offered for 5.5 CE contact hours for Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHCs).

Music Therapy Continuing Education Credit (CMTE and LCAT)

The Annual Palliative Care Conference is pending by the Certification Board for Music Therapists, approval number: P-102, to award 6 Continuing Music Therapy Education Synchronous (in-person) Opportunities. The Provider maintains responsibility for program quality and adherence to CBMT Policies and Criteria for Continuing Music Therapy Education. Molloy University is an approved provider for CE credit from NY State for Licensed Creative Arts Therapists (LCAT): approval number CAT-0015. This program is offered for 5.5 hours of CEU credit for Licensed Creative Arts Therapists.



Tribute to Lynda Cooper

It is with great sadness that the Conference Planning Committee shares that Lynda Cooper, Culture Leader for Northwell Health at Home, passed away this past December. Lynda, along with the Richner family, were the driving force behind the creation of the Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference. Lynda was an incredible person, leader and friend who will be greatly missed by so many. Since Lynda was a mentor to many in the palliative care field, the Conference Planning Committee will be offering scholarship opportunities in her name for students to attend the conference in the future and to also offer a, "Lynda Cooper Mentoring Session" in upcoming conferences. May we all keep Lynda, her family and her Northwell family in our thoughts and prayers.



Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference

The inspiration for this conference was born out of the experience of the Richner family, which lost its much beloved matriarch, Edith Richner, to a rare brain disorder, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, in the fall of 2006. The conference was the result of the efforts of the Richner family to educate and inform health and human service professionals to better deal with the end of life issues faced by their patients and their families. This year we are pleased to re-name the conference, the Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference, in her honor.

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In Memoriam:
Lynda B. Cooper, LCSW

Edith Richner Palliative Care Conference Registration Form

Please register quickly, as space is limited.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- There are two different tuition rates: one for participants who are attending in-person and one for those attending remotely through Zoom. Please note that there will be less concurrent sessions to choose from in the Zoom format. We are offering 4 Zoom sessions to choose from in each of the 2 concurrent sessions. Please also note that the Zoom option has a lower rate of tuition than the in-person option because food will not be offered.
- If you pay by credit card there will be a fee of 2.95% for domestic cards and 4.25% for international cards added to the tuition. You can avoid the credit card fee by paying with a check online or by mail.

FORMAT SELECTION (please check either in-person or virtual through Zoom)

In-person Zoom

REGISTRATION FEES:

“In-Person” Section Tuition Rates (includes breakfast, lunch and breaks):

- Early Registration until February 28, 2025: \$95
- Regular Registration, March 1-May 2: \$125
- Late Registration, May 3-29: \$145
- After May 29 or at the door: \$165
- Molloy students (please use your Molloy email when registering): \$25
- Full-time students: \$25 (please provide your student ID at check-in)
- Molloy Faculty and Staff- no charge (please use your Molloy email address as your contact email when registering)
- Molloy Alumni- 25% discount (currently \$71.25)

“Zoom” Section Tuition Rates (no food is included with fewer concurrent sessions to choose from):

- Early Registration until March 1, 2024: \$75
- Regular Registration, March 2-May 3: \$105
- Late Registration, May 4-30: \$125
- After May 30 or at the door: \$145
- Molloy students (please use your Molloy email when registering): \$15
- Full-time students: \$15 (please provide your student ID at check-in)
- Molloy Faculty and Staff- no charge (please use your Molloy email address as your contact email when registering)
- Molloy Alumni- 25% discount (currently \$56.25)

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

- **Online registration** is available at: the conference website at: www.molloy.edu/ce/pcc
- **Phone** your registration by calling 516-323-3554 with your Visa, Discover, MasterCard or purchase order information.
- **Fax** your registration by completing the registration form with your Visa, Discover, MasterCard or purchase order information and calling 516-323-3560.
- **Mail-in** your registration by completing the registration form with your Visa, MasterCard or purchase order information and include a check (made payable to: Molloy University) or your credit card information or purchase order to: Molloy University, Division of Continuing Education, 1000 Hempstead Ave., PO Box 5002, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-5002.

A confirmation, with directions to the campus and a campus map, will be sent upon receipt of your registration.

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Organization _____ Title _____

Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Please check if you are a full-time student If so, which school do you attend _____

CONCURRENT SESSION SELECTIONS

(please see agenda and indicate your 1st and 2nd choice for each session below):

Concurrent Session I (10:15 – 11:45 a.m.): 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

Concurrent Session II (12:30 – 2:00 p.m.): 1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

Enclosed is my check or money order made payable to Molloy University Enclosed is a purchase order

Please charge the tuition to my credit card Visa Discover MC # _____

Exp. Date _____ Name on the card _____

Signature _____

Questions: If you should have any questions regarding the registration, please contact Ramona Ali at: 516-323-3553 or by email at: rali@molloy.edu.

The conference website address is: www.molloy.edu/ce/pcc.



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