

Family Hospice and Palliative Care has **experts** on staff that can provide **knowledgeable, experienced commentary** on a variety of **healthcare and social issues**.

Inside, please find a handy guide to our spokespeople and keep them in mind the next time you cover a story related to:

- ◆ **LOSS, BEREAVEMENT AND GRIEF COUNSELING**
- ◆ **BENEFITS OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING & HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVES**
- ◆ **CAREGIVER TRAINING & EDUCATION**
- ◆ **RIGHT-TO-DIE / RIGHT-TO-LIFE ISSUES**
- ◆ **END-OF-LIFE EDUCATION**
The benefits of hospice and palliative care for those facing a life-limiting illness.
- ◆ **MEDICAL ETHICS**
- ◆ **INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL**
- ◆ **QUALITY OF LIFE**
For those with a life-limiting illnesses
- ◆ **HEALTH CARE** at end of life



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FAMILY HOSPICE AT A GLANCE

Serving our community since 1980, Family Hospice and Palliative Care is the region's *leading non-profit hospice provider*. Serving nine counties in Western Pennsylvania, we help patients make choices about their care, support family and friends who are grieving and educate both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues.

- ◆ Serving the counties of: Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington, and Westmoreland.

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Your source for end-of-life education, topic ideas, interview opportunities and the latest news related to hospice and palliative care.

Visit the **Media Center** at our website for:

- ◆ News releases
- ◆ Story ideas
- ◆ End-of-life topics making news

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

BSN	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
CIC	Certification in Infection Control
LPCC	Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker
LSW	Licensed Social Worker
MA	Master of Arts
MS	Master of Science
MSW	Master of Social Work



Guide to HEALTHCARE EXPERTS

for

- ◆ **Editors**
- ◆ **Reporters**
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BARBARA IVANKO

President & CEO



Barbara Ivanko, MSW, has more than 20 years experience in the healthcare industry. A social worker by background, Ivanko has been involved in the hospice industry since 2000 and has held executive positions in patient care, clinical services and overall operations. In addition, she consulted with numerous hospice organizations throughout the United States and presented best practice programs at state and national levels on growth, regulatory compliance, access and documentation. Ivanko has authored numerous articles and training materials for the hospice industry, including as a contributing author for related textbooks.

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Overall Hospice and Palliative Care; End-of-Life Education; Public Policy; spokesman for Family Hospice & Palliative Care.

KAREN ROSE

Vice President,
Operations



Karen Rose, LSW, MSW, oversees Family Hospice's outreach and counseling programs, which include bereavement services, spiritual care and social work. Ms. Rose has more than 30 years of experience in healthcare with specialized service in hospice and palliative care. She is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization and the Pennsylvania Hospice Network.

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Advance Care Planning; Right-to-Die/Right-to-Life Issues; End-of-Life Education; Veterans' Entitlements; Benefits of Hospice and Palliative Care.

DR. MYLES ZUCKERMAN

Chief Medical Officer



Dr. Zuckerman is responsible for the overall medical direction of Family Hospice and Palliative Care's hospice and palliative care services, including assisting with the development and maintenance of appropriate clinical policies and procedures. Dr. Zuckerman attended medical school at the University of Liege in Belgium. He has shared a family practice for many years with his wife and fellow physician, Dr. Sarah Zuckerman, and has been on staff at St. Clair Hospital for more than 20 years.

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Overall Hospice Clinical/Patient Care; Advance Care Planning; Quality of Life; Pain Management; End-of-Life Communication.

DR. SCOTT MILLER

Team Physician
The Center for Compassionate Care



Scott Miller, MD, is the full-time team physician at The Center for Compassionate Care, Family Hospice's 12-bed hospice inpatient facility in the South Hills. Dr. Miller is an Assistant Professor of Palliative Care and Ethics at UPMC Presbyterian University Hospital. He is a practicing, board certified physician in Internal Medicine, and is also board certified in Hospice and Palliative Care Medicine. He has been involved in clinical ethics consultation and end-of-life care for more than 15 years.

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Overall Hospice Clinical/Patient Care; Medical Ethics; Right-to-Die/Right-to-Life Issues; Quality of Life; Pain Management; End-of-Life Communication.

MARA BAGINSKI

Bereavement Specialist

conducts individual and group bereavement support sessions for children and adults

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whose loved ones were under Family Hospice care. Ms. Jones also facilitates anticipatory grief support to children and families. She is active in the planning and presentation of Camp Healing Hearts, an annual one-day summer bereavement

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** Bereavement; Pediatric Counseling; Traumatic Loss Counseling; Mourning and Grief Support; Coping with Loss.

DEBRA SAURO

Vice President,
Organizational Excellence



Debra Sauro, RN, BSN, CIC, has more than ten years experience in infectious disease control. She and her department work closely with the national and local offices of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) to improve health and patient safety by reducing the risks of infection. In addition, Ms. Sauro oversees Family Hospice's Caregiver Training Program, which educates those with a loved one receiving hospice care on safety issues, administering medication and end-of-life preparedness.

➤ **AREAS OF EXPERTISE:** End-of-Life Education; Infectious Disease Control.