

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
17TH ANNUAL PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: JANUARY 30

Keynote Lauren Treat, MD
Speakers: Rachel Rusch, LCSW

2026 THEME:

Resilience & Wisdom Shared: Interprofessional Approaches to Palliative Care

Our goal is to advance compassionate, resilient, and collaborative palliative care by sharing wisdom, fostering interprofessional connections, and supporting practices that honor the experiences of patients, families, and care providers.

CONFERENCE PROPOSAL TOPICS

Proposals may address (but are not limited to) the following:

- Topic 1: Collective Wisdom in Palliative Care Practice**
 - Ex: Insights from death doulas, child life specialists, hospice teams, and MAiD support roles
- Topic 2: Interprofessional Practice, Collaboration & Education**
 - Ex: Exploring cross-disciplinary collaboration (social work, nursing, chaplaincy, child life, medicine, behavioral health)
- Topic 3: Narrative, Storytelling & Meaning-Making**
 - Ex: Narrative story exchange workshops
- Topic 4: Creative Arts, Expressive Therapies & Somatic Support**
 - Ex: Art therapy, music therapy, massage, expressive arts
- Topic 5: Resilience, Self-Care & Sustainable Practice**
 - Ex: Strategies for preventing burnout and compassion fatigue
- Topic 6: Ethics, Equity & Evolving Care Practices**
 - Ex: Spirituality and cultural humility in end-of-life care

Proposal Submission

Submit proposals to: <https://bit.ly/pcswk17>

Deadline: **January 30, 2026**

Notifications of proposal selection will be sent by early February, 2026

Questions or problems submitting? Please email:

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