



# Net News

## Children's Institute for Pain and Palliative Care

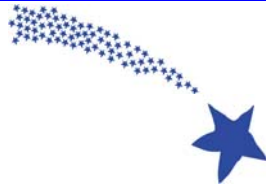
### Pediatric Pain Master Class

*June 9-13, 2008 - Minneapolis, MN*

*Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota—Pain & Palliative Care Program*  
Children's Institute for Pain and Palliative Care presents

#### Pediatric Pain Master Class

- Expert Faculty, Co-ordinated by Stefan Friedrichsdorf, MD
- State of the art pain management from a



multidisciplinary perspective

- Medical, psychosocial, and integrative therapies
- Covering acute, recurrent and chronic pain
- Pain assessment and

management of somatic, visceral, neuropathic, psychosocial and spiritual pain

- End-of-life management

This course is designed for physicians and nurse practitioners. For more information, contact CIPPC at [CIPPC@childrensmn.org](mailto:CIPPC@childrensmn.org) or by phone at 612-813-6328 [www.childrensmn.org](http://www.childrensmn.org)

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#### Special points of interest:

- Telehealth Rounds April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Upcoming conferences
- Pediatric Palliative Care Resources



## Pediatric Palliative Care Telehealth Rounds

Telehealth rounds are usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 2pm-3pm EST.

In April there will be collaboration with Sick-Kids grand rounds, so pediatric palliative care

telehealth rounds will be held on:

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-10am EST**

Dr. Chris Feudtner, will be speaking on medical futility in children.

For further information, contact: Sabrina Menezes Administrative Assistant for the Palliative and Bereavement Care Service at:

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## Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care Regional Retreat May 12 - 15, 2008

*Hilton DFW Lakes in Grapevine, Texas  
sponsored by Cook Children's Medical Center*

Infants, children and adolescents with life threatening conditions deserve the very best care possible.

We invite interdisciplinary teams of healthcare providers and

family members from all care settings to join us in this interactive educational retreat.

Contact Amanda Mrstik 682-885-3841 or  
[a-mrstik@cookchildrens.org](mailto:a-mrstik@cookchildrens.org).

Email your suggestions for pediatric palliative care resources to include in the next newsletter!

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### SEEKING PHYSICIAN LEAD, ROTARY/FLAMES HOUSE & PAEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE PHYSICIAN

The Regional Clinical Department of Paediatrics invites applications for the position of Physician Lead of the Rotary/Flames House and Paediatric Palliative Care Physician (0.5 full time equivalent) in the Calgary Health Region.

The Rotary/Flames House is a community based hospice that will serve families from Southern Alberta who are caring for a child with a progressive or life-threatening illness.

Applications should be forwarded to: Dr. Francois P. Belanger, Acting Regional Department Head, Paediatrics, at:

[francois.Belanger@calgaryhealthregion.ca](mailto:francois.Belanger@calgaryhealthregion.ca)



Roger's House is an eight-bed, paediatric palliative care hospice in Ottawa committed to easing the distress of children who are living with a progressive life-limiting illness as well as providing support to their families. We are currently looking for dynamic, innovative and flexible professionals who are interested in creating a new program to meet the needs of children and families in Eastern Ontario.

We are currently recruiting **Registered Nurses and Personal Support Workers** who are interested in developing our program to meet the needs of children and families in Eastern Ontario.

Interested and qualified candidates contact: [rattray@cheo.on.ca](mailto:rattray@cheo.on.ca)

The Mayday Fund, a New York City foundation dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree, and consequence of human physical pain, announced today that it will begin accepting applications for the 2008 *Mayday Pain & Society Fellowship; A Media & Policy Fellows Initiative*. This is the fifth year of the program designed to equip physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, scientists, and legal scholars with the necessary skills to become effective advocates and spokespeople about pain issues in the United States and Canada. Developing their communications skills, the six experts chosen will be poised to move the field forward with their willingness to educate and work with the media, policy-makers, advocates and health and business leaders. Six fellows are chosen each year, and the fellowship program runs through 2009.

Apply online at  
[www.maydayfellows.org](http://www.maydayfellows.org)



## Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference

### Congrès canadien de soins palliatifs



Crossing the Bridge to Knowledge & Sharing • Delta Prince Edward  
Charlottetown, PEI Canada • October 26 – 29, 2008

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Conference is the foremost national conference in Canada focusing on hospice palliative care. This event provides hospice palliative care professionals, volunteers, and family or informal caregivers with the opportunity to share their experience and expertise on a national platform.

Furthermore, throughout the four days of the conference you will learn about the important issues facing people who work with those who are dying, and you will hear experts in a number of fields, debate and discuss these issues and offer solutions. You will hear both consensus and controversy. You will leave with many answers, and perhaps

some questions you hadn't thought of before.

There will be time scheduled during this event for the CNPCC (a special interest group of the CHPCA) to meet.

For further information see:  
<http://conference.chpca.net/>

## The 7th International Forum on Pediatric Pain: Assessing Pediatric Pain: Current Evidence and Practice

October 2-5, 2008

White Point Beach Resort - Nova Scotia, Canada

The Forum will feature lectures by renowned research faculty, as well as your own peer-reviewed posters. More details about the meeting and the Registration and Information Brochure can be found at: <http://pediatric-pain.ca/ifpp/>

The deadline for abstract sub-

mission is June 1, 2008. More details about abstract submission are available on the Registration and Information Brochure.

The early registration deadline is July 1, 2008. Register soon! Participation is limited to 150 delegates, and previous meetings have

sold out quickly.

The International Forum on Pediatric Pain is organized by Allen Finley, Patrick McGrath, Christine Chambers and Margot Latimer of the Centre for Pediatric Pain Research of Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre.



## 17<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Palliative Care

September 23-26, 2008

Montréal, Canada

Palais des Congrès

The 17th International Congress on Palliative Care, will give healthcare professionals and all those involved in care for the dying the opportunity to renew themselves as provid-

ers of care and obtain the inspiration that will help shape the palliative care of the future.

An all day session focusing on pediatricians, entitled "From the Inten-

sive Care Unit to the Home: An Examination of Hope and Meaning in Palliative Care for Children" will take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

<http://www.pal2008.com>

# PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE RESOURCES

This special feature began in the last issue and will continue to be a part of the newsletter for an undetermined amount of time (until we

run out of resources to feature, I guess)! As is always the case, please do not hesitate to offer your recommendations for resources to

include! Just email me at:

[newsletter@cnpsc.ca](mailto:newsletter@cnpsc.ca)

## END-OF-LIFE CARE FOR CHILDREN

FUNDED BY THE TEXAS CANCER COUNCIL

<http://childendoflifecare.org>

This site provides overviews of the essential components for providing quality care, new interventions that promote support and comfort, and methods of care delivery that consider a family-centered approach to care at the end of a child's life.

This website, funded by the Texas Cancer Council, was developed to bridge the gap that exists during the transition from aggressive treatment to quality palliative care at the end of life. Developmental considerations are presented to provide a conceptual background for learning how to work with a child who is dying. Understanding the

child's perception of death will assist the health care provider in supporting the family as well as the child when end-of-life care must be discussed.

Comfort in talking to families about the end of life grows with preparation and experience. This website will guide health care professionals in effective ways of breaking bad news to parents and presenting options of supportive care in a hopeful manner. It also reviews dilemmas related to treatment at the end of life, and emphasizes supporting each family caregiver involved with the child's care. The burden of car-

ing for a child at the end of life is enormous, and guidelines or suggestions on how to provide support and teach the family how to physically provide care for a dying child are included.

The website is geared to health care providers and includes articles as well as video clips to utilize in the education of professionals.

The End-of-Life Care for Children handbook is a printable version of most of the contents of this website and can be downloaded for free on the website.



**The Dougy Center**  
for Grieving Children & Families

<http://www.dougy.org>

The Dougy Center provides a safe and supportive place for children, teens, young adults and their families who are grieving a death to share their stories. We do this through education, training and peer support groups.

Although the Dougy Center operates in the United States, there are some valuable articles and

resources on their website that discuss grief in children and adolescents. The bookstore has several valuable resources developed by the Dougy Center that discuss grief. These resources (such as books for adults, workbooks for children, manuals and resources for educators) would be helpful for grief programs that include kids.



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