



VALLEY HEALTH SERVICES' PALLIATIVE CARE CONFERENCE ON NOVEMBER 15TH

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HERKIMER, NY - It is not too late to register for Valley Health Services' Palliative Care Conference, "*Diverse Approaches to Palliative Care*," which will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 8:00 am to 4:15 pm, at the Holiday Inn, Utica. The day-long conference, featuring two keynote speakers, luncheon and three workshops, is a great opportunity for those who need to earn continuing nursing education credit hours.

Keynote speaker, Leslie Kohman, MD, Upstate Medical University, will discuss creating ambulatory palliative care programs during her opening keynote address. The workshops will feature the Rev. Kate Day, who will illustrate the methods and benefits of integrating a variety of spiritual care models into a palliative care program, Silviu Pasniciuc, MD, who will offer valuable information about the use of medical marijuana in the palliative care setting and Diane Nanno, MS, RN, will provide insight on the care of complex populations. The closing keynote address will highlight pain assessment and management using opioid pharmacokinetics, presented by Melinda McMinn, MD, Crouse Hospital.

Bassett Medical Center is an Approved Provider Unit of Continuing Nursing Education by the Northeast Multi-state Division (NE-MSD), an Accredited Approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity is approved for 6 contact hours of continuing nursing education.

This educational offering has been reviewed by the National Continuing Education Review Service (NCERS) of the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB) and approved for 15 clock hours and 6 participant hours. The conference has also been approved by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners for 6 contact hours. Continuing education credit approval is pending for Activity Directors.

For brochure and registration, please contact Kathy Eisenhut, at 315.866.3330 ext. 2245 or by email at keisenhut@valleyhealthservices.org. Registration cost is \$130 (\$110 for each additional attendee from the same facility).

About Valley Health Services

Valley Health Services (VHS), is a privately owned, not-for-profit organization located in Herkimer, New York. A 160-bed long-term care and rehabilitation facility, VHS is a major health care provider and vital community asset. VHS provides care to a largely rural population. Learn more at <http://www.valleyhealthservices.org/>.

About Bassett Healthcare Network

Bassett Healthcare Network is an integrated health system that provides care and services to people living in a 5,600 square mile region in Upstate New York. The organization includes six corporately affiliated hospitals, over two dozen community-based health centers, 20 school-based health centers, two skilled nursing facilities, including Valley Health Services in Herkimer, and other health partners in related fields. Bassett Medical Center, the foundation of the network, is a 180-bed acute care inpatient teaching hospital located in Cooperstown, NY. To learn more about services available throughout the Bassett Healthcare Network, visit www.bassett.org. Follow Bassett on Facebook and Twitter at facebook.com/Bassett.Network and twitter.com/BassettNetwork.

