



Research Rounds November 26, 2009

EMP Boardroom (188), RJH **V/C available**
0800-0900

Improving the Accuracy of Survival Prediction in Palliative Care Patients using the Palliative Performance Scale (PPS)

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify key prognostic properties of the PPS as demonstrated in population-based studies
2. Examine ways the PPS can be used as a prognostic and communication tool in clinical practice.
3. Explore the application of other common prognostic tools with cancer and non-cancer patient populations.



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Michael has been in Palliative Medicine since 1980 in Victoria and involved with local, provincial and national development of hospice palliative care. With the development of the Victoria Palliative Research Network in 2004 and resulting collaboration with VIHA, UVic and BCCA, we were able to secure research grants from CIHR-NET and CIHR-PHSI to study communication at end of life including prognostication and sharing difficult news.

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