

TARGET AUDIENCE

This activity has been developed to meet the educational needs of physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, case managers, volunteers and students who care for children and their families facing chronic and potentially life-limiting illness.

PURPOSE

This educational presentation and accompanying curriculum will address select issues around pediatric end-of-life care. Users should emerge with increased understanding, compassion, and resources for working with families facing pediatric end-of-life, especially when associated with cancer.

In this module, we will explore one intimate case study on end-of-life, looking at

- How the end-of-life (EOL) of a child unfolds
- The impact of that loss on the family and health care team (HCT)
- The need for specialized support from health care professionals (HCPs)

We will explore communication & decision-making challenges and strategies regarding

- Honest disclosure of prognosis, treatment options and care goals, while valuing hope
- The use of palliative care along w/curative treatment early in the course of the illness
- Supportive care/limits of care at end-of-life

MODULE USE

This module can be adapted for use with small groups, large classrooms, or self-directed learning, coupled with a discussion group. The video stories can be presented together or each story can stand-alone. Reading the reference materials will enhance the learning experience.

An extended session of interaction or multiple sessions may be required to adequately review and discuss this material—**This module is intended to be a flexible learning tool.**

The complete activity is comprised of –

1. The DVD module, *Pediatric End-of-Life Case Studies*, which contains:

- Introduction movie clip
- Justin's Story movie clip
- Justin's Story with discussion questions movie clip
- Discussion questions
- Competencies & Objectives
- Take-home points
- Abridged resources
- Advisor credits and disclosure

2. A supplemental PowerPoint presentation about the topic can be downloaded at aquariusproductions.com/lion. **Maximum learning may be achieved by using** the PowerPoint presentation concurrently with the movie clips, discussion questions, and recommended resources.

All module components can be obtained at aquariusproductions.com/lion.