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Subject: New Submission #913: 2026 Faculty CME Proposal Application
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Preferred Date and Time: (select all dates and times available): July 23, 2026 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am, July 23, 2026 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am, July 23, 2026 - 10:30 am - 11:30 am, July 23, 2026 - 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm, July 23, 2026 - 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm, July 23, 2026 - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm, July 23, 2026 - 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, July 24, 2026 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am, July 24, 2026 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am, July 24, 2026 - 10:45 am - 11:45 am, July 24, 2026 - 11:45 am - 12:45 pm, July 25, 2026 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am, July 25, 2026 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am, July 25, 2026 - 10:45 am - 11:45 am, July 25, 2026 - 11:45 am - 12:45 pm, July 25, 2026 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, July 25, 2026 - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, July 25, 2026 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, July 26, 2026 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am, July 26, 2026 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am, July 26, 2026 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Provide a title for your proposal that is no more than 80 characters including spaces.:

Hospice Demystified

Describe the problem, or gap in practice or knowledge you are addressing; and what the learner can expect to take away from this education.: Family Physicians (especially in Louisiana) are reluctant and slow in Hospice referrals when early referral can bring so much benefit and comfort to patients and families. Demystifying hospice and feeling comfortable having difficult conversations with patients can be rewarding.

Provide a description regarding how this education has a direct bearing on patient care, or how it supports the physician's role in patient care, or how it has a direct bearing on a physician's ability to deliver patient care.: Early patient Hospice intervention can statistically lead to a life extension of up to 28 days, depending on the primary diagnosis. Objective findings (like ADL's, weight loss, speech ability) and more can help the family physician bring more understanding as to when a hospice referral is warranted. With early referral and the added services hospice brings, patients and family's will thank the referring physician immensely. Family doctors can be as involved or not at all as their preference.

Select all that apply.: Treatment/Management, Care Coordination

Objective 1.: Identify patients with hospice and/or palliative care needs well in advance to promote optimal quality of life during the end stages of disease.

Objective 2: Effectively communicate with patients and families in areas regarding shared decision-making by provision of medical expertise with regard to risks/benefits of treatment options and effect on quality and quantity of life.

Objective 3: Be involved in providing palliative care and symptom management throughout the continuum of illness with consideration of physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.

Objective 4: Provide adequate comfort measures and guidance to patients and their families at the time of imminent death with the hospice.

Objective 5: Understand the structure and function of hospice and how your practice can integrate and benefit.

Practice Change 1: Refer earlier to Hospice for terminal patients.

Practice Change 2: Reach out to a local hospice for a one-on-one staff education what a hospice patient referral looks like. Nursing and social services connection in hospice can be invaluable.

Practice Change 3: Identify patients that may require hospice in six months or less.

Please select all that apply with respect to your proposal.: Interpersonal and communication skills, Medical knowledge, Patient Care, Practice-based learning and improvement, Professionalism, Systems-based practice

Does your proposal include osteopathic medicine principles?: No

Please select format:: Didactic Presentation - 60 min

If you marked other, please provide details::

Maximum audience size:: 500

Do you have prior teaching experience? : Yes

If you marked yes, please provide details. Please list one to three previous presentations that are relevant to this topic. Include dates, events, type and size of the audience, and evaluation score (converted to a 0-5 scale where 0 is low and 5 is high).: Full time residency faculty (years ago), lectures at residencies in the US and teaching at WHO events in Zambia, El Salvador. Part time gratis faculty at LSUMC (Family medicine). Don't remember eval scores or dates.

Do you require an honorarium?: Yes

If you marked yes, what is the requested amount?: Enough to pay my hotel expenses (not a lot, but some would be nice :-)) A few hundred ? And admission to the course for CME.

Do you require reimbursement for travel expenses?: No

If you marked yes, please indicate what is requested: (please note that LAFP's Travel Policy will apply):

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Yes I am interested