Resources: End-of-Life Issues

Websites

Coalition for Compassionate Care of California – www.coalitionccc.org
A statewide collaboration of regional and statewide organizations, state agencies, and individuals working together to promote high-quality, compassionate end-of-life care for all Californians. The website includes information and training materials on Advance Health Care Directives and POLST.

Caring Connections – www.caringinfo.org
Consumer organization that provides information on state-specific advance directives and materials to foster communication about end-of-life decisions.

Hospice Foundation of America – www.hospicefoundation.org
Provides information about hospice care, how to select and locate a hospice near you.

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization – www.nhpco.org
Nonprofit organization devoted to promoting and maintaining quality care for terminally ill people and their families, and to making hospice an integral part of the U.S. health care system.

On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying – http://www.pbs.org/wnet/onourownterms
2000 PBS special. The accompanying website has an extensive resource section with listings of books, journals, discussion guide, and videos, along with information about acquiring the Moyers series video.

Books (listed alphabetically by author)

Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man and Life’s Greatest Lesson

The Best Care Possible: A Physician’s Quest to Transform Care through the End of Life

Dying Well: Peace and Possibilities at the End of Life

As I Journey On: Meditations for Those Facing Death

Still Here: Embracing Aging, Changing and Dying
Partners in Caring
End-of-life seminar for faith leaders

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End
Gawande, Atul. Deckel Edge, 2014

Who Cares? Simple Ways You Can Reach Out

The Healing Companion: Simple and Effective Ways Your Presence Can Help People Heal

Visions, Trips and Crowded Rooms: Who and What You See before You Die
Kessler, David. Hay House, 2010

Last Acts of Kindness: Lessons for the Living from the Bedsides of the Dying

Caregiver’s Path to Compassionate Decision Making: Making Choices for Those Who Can’t

On Death and Dying: What the Dying Have to Teach Doctors, Nurses, Clergy, and their Own Families

A Year to Live

Making Friends with Death: A Buddhist Guide to Encountering Mortality

Handbook for Mortals: Guidance for People Facing Serious Illness

How We Die: Reflections on Life’s Final Chapter

What the Dying Teach Us: Lessons on Living

A Midwife through the Dying Process: Stories of Healing and Hard Choices at the End of Life

Kitchen Table Wisdom and My Grandfather’s Blessings (boxed set)

Because You’ve Never Died Before: Spiritual Issues at the End of Life

Approaching the End of Life: A Practical and Spiritual Guide

The Grace in Dying: How We Are Transformed Spiritually as We Die
Will the Circle Be Unbroken? Reflections on Death, Rebirth, and Hunger for a Faith

Last Wish: Stories to Inspire a Peaceful Passing.

The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care
Volandes, Angelo. Bloomsbury USA, 2015.

Booklets

Light in the Shadows: Meditations While Living with a Life-Threatening Illness

Gone From My Sight: The Dying Experience

Finding Your Way: Medical Decisions When They Count Most (also available in Spanish) Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, revised 2011.

Mrs. Lee’s Story: Medical Decisions Near the End of Life (English/Chinese) Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, revised 2012.

Videos & Music

On Our Own Terms: Moyers on Dying. The complete, four-part On Our Own Terms series can be obtained on video tape from Films of the Humanities at (800) 257-5126.

Graceful Passages. CD that presents the listener/patient with evocative music and spoken words from experts in the field, speaking candidly about death and dying. Available at www.gracefulpassages.com or by calling (888) 242-6608.

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American Association of Pastoral Counselors – www.aapc.org
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education – www.acpe.edu
Association of Professional Chaplains – www.professionalchaplains.org
National Association of Catholic Chaplains – www.nacc.org
National Association of Jewish Chaplains – www.najc.org