Coalition for Compassionate Care of California

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The Dream of a Common Language

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9:15-9:20: Introduction
9:20-9:50: Keynote
9:50 to 10:15: Discussion
10:15: Book-signing in Lobby
What is A Good End of Life?
Ars Moriendi
The Art of Dying
Thanks to PENICILLIN
...He Will Come Home!
Phases of the Grey Zone

Decline and Disability
- Rehabilitate
- Preserve

House of Cards (Frailty)
- Reduce Risk
- Protect

Prelude to Dying
- Comfort Care
- Plan

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The Arc of Meaning

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Non-Kitchen Table Language

Progressive
Prognosis
Advanced

Goals of Care
Multiple systems organ failure
Chart the Future

• You are approaching the end of your life.

• I wouldn’t be surprised if your mother died within a year.
Language of Commitment

I will do my best to make sure that your mother is comfortable and pain free to the end.

Language of Abandonment

Are you willing to withdraw care?
Barriers to a Common Language

Time: Tyranny of 15 minutes
Fragmentation: Who is this patient?
Reimbursement
Lack of Training
Fear

Everyone waits for someone else to speak.
Dialogue
Tell Your Story in the Public Square

Lown Institute
IDEO End of Life Challenge
Slow Medicine on Facebook
ACT UP
Toastmasters, Rotary Club
You
Handouts
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