

## Palliative Care Symposium – Speaker Information

### **Marie Bakitas, DNSc, CRNP, ACHPN, FAAN**

“Integrating Oncology and Palliative Care: Easier Studied Than Done”

Marie Bakitas, professor and Associate Director, Center for Palliative and Supportive Care, University of Alabama at Birmingham has led ENABLE (Educate, Nurture, Advise, Before Life Ends) clinical trials evaluating early palliative care (EPC) focused on rural, underserved adults since 1998. In this presentation she will discuss the challenges of implementing EPC in real world settings.



### **Christine S. Ritchie, MD, MSPH, FACP, FAAHPM**

“Leverage Sites, Structure, and Support to Enhance Research: The Palliative Care Research Cooperative”

Christine Ritchie, professor of Medicine at the University of California San Francisco and co-Principle Investigator of the National Institute of Nursing Research-funded Palliative Care Research Cooperative (PCRC), and Director of the PCRC Investigator Development Center has been a part of the PCRC since its inception in 2010. In this presentation she will describe the history and accomplishments of the PCRC and highlight one of trials through the PCRC.



**Amy Vandenbroucke, JD**

“How the POLST Paradigm Fits within Advance Care Planning to Honor Patient Treatment Wishes”

For the last four years attorney Amy Vandenbroucke has served as the Executive Director of the National POLST Paradigm. She is a 2015 Practice Change Leader for Aging and Health, a yearlong program jointly supported by the Atlantic Philanthropies and the John A. Hartford Foundation.

The National POLST Paradigm improves the quality of care for patients who are seriously ill or frail by creating a voluntary system that elicits, documents and honors patient medical treatment wishes through portable medical orders. This presentation will cover why POLST Form medical orders are more helpful than DNRs to emergency personnel during a medical crisis and how they complement advance directives.



**Anthony Back, MD**

“Scaling Communication Training for Oncologists about Advance Care Planning and End-of-Life Care”

Communication between oncologists and patients is a linchpin of advance care planning and serious illness conversations. Research shows that communication skills can be acquired, that changes in clinician behavior are durable, and influence patient outcomes. Communication skills interventions need to be combined with system implementation to create powerful change.

