

Oncology Nursing Grand Rounds

Palliative Care for Quality of Life and Symptom Concerns in Lung Cancer

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Dr. Ferrell has been in oncology nursing for 34 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. She is a Professor and Research Scientist at the City of Hope Medical Center in Los Angeles. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 300 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She is Principal Investigator of a Program Project funded by the National Cancer Institute on “Palliative Care for Quality of Life and Symptom Concerns in Lung Cancer” and Principal Investigator of the “End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)” project. She directs several other funded projects related to palliative care in cancer centers and QOL issues. Dr. Ferrell is a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Cancer Institute and was Chairperson of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care. She served on the National Quality Forum Committee for Preferred Practices in palliative care. She is also the chairperson of the Southern California Cancer Pain Initiative. She has authored eight books - *Cancer Pain Management* (1995), a text on *Suffering* (1995), *Pain in the Elderly* (1996), *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing* published by Oxford University Press (3rd edition published in 2010). She is co-author of the text, *The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Nursing* published in 2008 by Oxford University Press and *Making Health Care Whole: Integrating Spirituality into Patient Care* (Templeton Press, 2010). Dr. Ferrell completed a Masters degree in Theology, Ethics and Culture from Claremont Graduate University in 2007.

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