

# Roundtable on “The Journey and Care of Seriously ill Patients Near Their End of Life”

- Date:** 7 December 2017 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.  
**Venue:** Lecture Theatre, 2/F, Lui Che Woo Clinical Sciences Building  
Prince of Wales Hospital, Shatin, N.T.  
**Registration:** <https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/view.php?id=353720>  
All are welcome / Free Admission  
**Accreditation:** CME (Hong Kong Academy of Medicine): max. 2 points  
CME (Non-specialist): 2 points

## Programme Rundown

- 3:00 - 3:05 **Opening Remarks**  
**Dr. NC Sin**, Chief Manager (Patient Safety and Risk Management), Hospital Authority  
**Dr. Derrick Au**, Director, CUHK Centre for Bioethics
- 3:05 - 3:35 **“What do Hospital Physicians Need to Provide Better Care Near the End of Life?: Lessons from Collaborative Work in the U.S.”** (Keynote Speech)  
**Dr. Nancy Berlinger**, Research Scholar, The Hastings Centre, U.S.A
- 3:35 - 3:50 **“Ethical Challenges in End of Life Care: Local Perspectives in Hong Kong”**  
**Dr. Chun-Yan Tse**, Honorary Advisor, Hong Kong Society of Palliative Medicine; Member, Clinical Ethics Committee, Hospital Authority
- 3:50 - 4:05 **“Improving EOL Care for Frail Older People in Hong Kong: A Geriatric Perspective”**  
**Dr. James Luk**, Consultant (Geriatrics), TWGHs Fung Yiu King Hospital / Queen Mary Hospital
- 4:05 - 4:20 **“Future Direction in Palliative and EOL Care Model: Planning the Strategic Services Framework in Kowloon West Cluster”**  
**Dr. Doris Tse**, Cluster Chief Executive (Kowloon West); Hospital Chief Executive (HCE), Princess Margaret Hospital & North Lantau Hospital
- 4:20 - 4:45 **Roundtable Discussion**  
**All Speakers plus Dr. Christina Maw**, Chief Manager (Primary & Community Services), Hospital Authority
- 4:45 - 5:00 **Q&A**
- 5:00 - 5:05 **Closing Remarks**  
**Dr. Christina Maw**, Chief Manager (Primary & Community Services), Hospital Authority

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## **Biography of Dr. Nancy Berlinger**

Nancy Berlinger's research focuses on ethical challenges in health care work, and on related areas of professional education, organizational policy, and public policy in the United States and internationally. Her special interests include societal challenges arising from population aging and age-related chronic illness; treatment decision-making and care for seriously ill people and near the end of life; health care access and social integration for migrant populations; and the ethics of managing safety and harm in health care systems. Her research projects include a collaboration with the (US) Society of Hospital Medicine and the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), which has created a new primary palliative care process and practice standard for frontline hospital clinicians to improve communication about serious illness. With colleagues at the National University of Singapore, The Ethox Centre of the University of Oxford, and The Hastings Center, she has co-developed the *Singapore Bioethics Casebook* as a professional and public education tool for Singapore's ageing society. She co-directs The Hastings Center's Undocumented Patients project, which maintains a web-based knowledge hub used by clinicians, scholars, students, journalists, and policymakers and has developed policy recommendations for improved city-level solutions in New York City.

Her current and recent public service includes the bioethics committee of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Initiative on Cancer Diagnostics in Sub-Saharan Africa (2015 – present), the ActionHealthNYC Community Advisory Panel, City of New York (2016 – 2017), and the Care and Coverage Subgroup of the New York City Mayor's Task Force on Immigrant Health Access (2014 – 2015). She also serves on the Bioethics Committee at Montefiore Medical Center (Bronx, NY) and teaches an interdisciplinary course on "Migration" at Lehman College, City University of New York. She is the author, co-author, or co-editor of four books:

N Berlinger, *Are Workarounds Ethical? Managing Moral Problems in Health Care Systems* (Oxford University Press, 2016)

N Berlinger, B Jennings, and SM Wolf, *The Hastings Center Guidelines for Decisions on Life-Sustaining Treatment and Care Near the End of Life: Revised and Expanded Second Edition* (Oxford, 2013; Japanese translation, 2016) Related articles: SM Wolf, N Berlinger, and B Jennings, "40 Years of Work on End-of-Life Care – From Patients' Rights to Systemic Reform," *NEJM* 372; 7. February 12, 2015; N Berlinger, R Barfield, and AR Fleischman, "Facing Persistent Challenges in Pediatric Decision-Making: New Hastings Center Guidelines," *Pediatrics* 132:5 (2013): 789-91

N Berlinger, *After Harm: Medical Error and the Ethics of Forgiveness* (Johns Hopkins, 2005)

JJ Chin, N Berlinger, MC Dunn, CWL Ho, MK Gusmano, eds., *Making Difficult Decisions with Patients and Families: A Singapore Bioethics Casebook, Volume I* (NUS, January 2014); JJ Chin, N Berlinger, MC Dunn, MK Gusmano, eds. *Caring for Older People in an Ageing Society: A Singapore Bioethics Casebook, Volume II* (NUS, May 2017) Full text: [www.bioethicscasebook.sg](http://www.bioethicscasebook.sg)

She is a graduate of Smith College and earned a PhD in English literature from the University of Glasgow. She received a MDiv, with a focus on ethics, from Union Theological Seminary.