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## NEWS

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### Willamette Valley Hospice & Salem Cancer Institute Partner to Offer Education on Cancer and End-of-life Care

*Salem, OR & surrounding communities (February 11, 2010)* - Willamette Valley Hospice and the Salem Cancer Institute will partner to offer the annual Hospice Foundation of America teleconference at Wedel Conference Center Auditorium in Building B on the Salem Hospital campus at 665 Winter St. SE. This year's teleconference will address cancer and end-of-life care. The date for the teleconference is Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am – 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided to registered participants.

The live teleconference, *Cancer and End-of-Life Care*, will address care options related to cancer diagnoses as well as loss and grief reactions for patients, families and professional caregivers. The teleconference will also examine psychosocial aspects of cancer, pain management, and ethical issues related to the disease. The teleconference will be followed by a discussion panel of experts: Dr. Sheila Sund, Medical Director at Willamette Valley Hospice, Dr. Nancy Boutin, Medical Director of the Salem Cancer Institute, Becky Ruppert, Salem Hospital Palliative Care Nurse, and Lori Ensign, Bereavement Counselor at Willamette Valley Hospice.

The program is free of charge but space is limited. Please register by Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Continuing Education contact hours (CEs) will be available for many disciplines, such as nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, psychologists, physicians, and nursing home administrators for a small fee. Please contact Melissa Lindley at 503.588.3600 or [melissal@wvh.org](mailto:melissal@wvh.org) for more information and to register.