

2025 RESPECT CENTER CONFERENCE

February 28th, 2025

**Let's talk Palliative Care: Maximizing
Quality of Life by Reducing Pain, Distress
and other Symptoms**

Topics Include:

- Brief Therapeutic Intervention for Patients in Distress
- Children and Adolescent in Grief
- Supportive Intervention for Young Cancer Patients
- Advance Care Planning
- Mastering Tough Conversations*

*Call for Poster Abstracts – More information
coming soon!*

*Conference will be held at the Ritz Charles in
Carmel*

***A pre-conference workshop on Mastering
Tough Conversations offered on February 27th.**



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PLENARY SPEAKER: JESSICA S. MERLIN, MD, PHD, MBA

Dr. Merlin is an infectious diseases and palliative care physician at the University of Pittsburgh. Her plenary session will be on **Pain and Opioid Complexity in Patients with Cancer: State of the Science**

Pre-Conference Workshop: Mastering Tough Conversations

February 27, 2025 | 8:00am- 4:30 PM

The practice of Hospice and Palliative Care involves conversations with patients and families that are often high stakes and involve complex emotions. The VitalTalk Program (VitalTalk.org) provides constructive communication skills needed when navigating conversations about serious illness.

This interdisciplinary full-day workshop, presented by [IU Talk](#), will be experiential, with each participant working in a small group to navigate challenging cases. The workshop offers the opportunity to practice frameworks for supporting patients who are receiving serious news and deliberating about goals of care. VitalTalk's goal is to help nurture healthier relationships with patients and families.

Our local facilitators have years of experience in guiding sessions and have worked with various groups around the state of Indiana, including Hospice and Palliative Care providers and a variety of others.

There will be 18 seats available at this workshop

Workshop registration fee: \$375



Accreditation Statement

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