

10th Annual Covenant Health Research Day: Poster Submission

Knowledge to action: How the Palliative Institute is putting research into practice to improve the patient and family experience

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Palliative end-of-life care (PEOLC) will become an increasingly prominent part of our health care system in Canada as our population continues to age over the next thirty years. Although significant advances have been made in PEOLC, there is also room for improvement. To help address these issues and to ensure excellence in PEOLC for patients and families, the Covenant Health Palliative Institute was formed in October 2012. The Palliative Institute enables Covenant Health to build upon and enhance its leadership role in PEOLC through a continued focus on service excellence, applied research, and education. The Institute's distinctive role in achieving this future is to serve as a palliative and end-of-life care knowledge-broker for clinicians, policy makers, patients and families, and to lead informed public discourse on end-of-life issues. Covenant Health's vision is to positively influence the health of Albertans and be of greater service to those in need by working together with compassion, quality and innovation. Here we present a snapshot of the Palliative Institute's major research and education initiatives that have developed since its formation approximately two years ago.