CHELAN SHORT SCHEDULE

Monday, October 19, 2026	
7:30-8:15a	*Registration, Breakfast* (Foyer)
8:15a	Welcome & Housekeeping (Centennial)
8:30-9:30a	**Keynote – Judi Lund Person, MPH, Lund Person & Associates. "The View from Washington – New Regulations and Messages from CMS".**
9:30-9:45a	Stu Farber Award presentation (Centennial)
9:45-10:15a	*Break, Visit Exhibitors, Silent Auction (Stehekin)*
10:15-11:15a	4 Concurrent 1 Hour Sessions
1A	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Mark Beiter, DO, FAAHPM, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Hilary Walker, OT, & Hope Wechkin, MD, Evergreen. **"POLST Conversations in 5 Steps".**
1B	**Clinical** Track: Somi Arthur, PharmD, BCGP (Dragonfly): "**A Difficult Pill to Swallow: Understanding Medication Administration Alternatives".**
1C	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: PANEL - Adie Goldberg, PhD, MSW, M.Ed., WRPCI, Dawn Meicher, ARNP, Columbia County Health System, Dayton WA & Robert Leavitt, EMBA, MDiv, MAT, BCC Board Certified Chaplain, Palliative Care Team Sacred Heart Medical Center: **"When Words Are the Medicine: Interdisciplinary Pearls for Navigating the Hardest Conversations in Palliative Care"**.
1D	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Debra Puerner, Nurse Practitioner, MS, AGPCNP-BC, FT, Samaritan Evergreen Hospice, Albany, OR. **"Ketamine-Assisted Care at the End of Life: Interdisciplinary Approach to the Relief of Existential Suffering".**
11:25a-12:25p	4 Concurrent 1 Hour Sessions
2A	**Clinical Track.** Dustin Colegrove, DO, MBA, FACP, HMDC, FACHE, CPE, PeaceHealth Southwest Hospice. **"GIP Level of Care: Identification, Documentation, and Misconceptions"**.
2B	**Clinical** Track: Zoe Diaz, MBA, Chief Operations Officer and Laurie Jackson, MDiv, CEO, Tri-Cities Chaplaincy; Marc Berg, Berg Data Solutions & Sarah Cameron, MPH, Berg Data Solutions; Hunter Plumer, MHA, Health Trends Consulting and Shelly McDiarmid, CEO, Walla Walla Community Hospice. **"When Data Becomes a Doorway: Turning Big Data into Productive Conversations"**.
2C	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Cara Abbott, Founder & CEO, Master of Science (M.S.), Human Development, Betterleave. **"How to Increase Family Satisfaction From Admission Through 13 Months of Bereavement".**
2D	**Clinical** Track: Luke Self, Chaplain/Bereavement Coordinator, MDiv, BCC (Walla Walla Community Hospice): **"Beyond Belief: Spiritual/Existential Assessment for the Full Spectrum of Hospice Patients".**
12:30-1:40p	*Discipline Networking Lunch (Centennial)*
1:50-2:50p	4 Concurrent 1 Hour Sessions
3A	**Clinical** Track: Megan Lowe, PharmD, MBA (Dragonfly): **"Improving the Approach to Deprescribing Conversations"**
3B	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Lisa Gainey, LMT, Comfort Integrative Therapies Coordinator, CMLDT, Reiki Master & 200 Hour-RYT (MultiCare): **"Integrating CAM in Hospice & Palliative Care: An Overview of Integrative Therapies".**
3C	**Clinical** Track: Casey Byman, Hospice Quality Program Manager, RN, BSN, EvergreenHealth. **"LCD's Documenting Towards Eligibility"**

3D	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Cassandra Asmussen, MSN, RN, CHPN, Chief Clinical Services Officer & December Scribner, BSN, RN, CHPN (Heartlinks). **"The No-Surprise Hospice Admission: Reducing Revocations Through Earlier Goals-of-Care Alignment"**.
2:50-3:20p	*Break, Visit Exhibitors, Silent Auction (Stehekin)*
3:25-4:25p	4 Concurrent Sessions
4A	**Clinical** Track: Alison Keeler, BSN, RN, CHPN (Confluence Health): **"From Referral to Relationship: Mastering the Hospice Admission Visit"**
4B	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Deanna Balint, PharmD (Wise Hospice Options): **"An Overview of Parkinson's and Dementia; Clinical Strategies for Progressive and Life-limiting Conditions".**
4C	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Bethany Fowler, MD, HMDC - Medical Director, Virginia Mason Franciscan Hospice & Palliative Care and James Fowler, MDiv, Hospice Chaplain. **"Decoding Total Pain: The Neuro-Psychological and Clinical Evidence for Integrating Spiritual Care in Pain Management".**
4D	**Clinical** Track: Rebecca Hudson, MA, Client Services Manager, Cassandra Sutherland, Co-Executive Director of Programs and Services and Dr. Jessica Kaan, DO, MPH, Medical Director, End of Life Washington. **"How Shifting Landscapes Have Changed Access to Medical Aid in Dying"**.
5-6p	*Welcome Reception (Stehekin), Dinner on Your Own*

Tuesday, October 20, 2026	
7:15-8a	*Registration, Breakfast (Centennial)*
8a	Welcome & Housekeeping (Centennial)
8:15-9:15a	**Plenary –Leslie Emerick, MPH, WSHPCO Public Policy Director. "Finding Common Ground", An Overview of the WA State Legislature and State Agency Rulemaking**
9:15-9:45a	*Break, Auction Closes, Visit Exhibitors, Silent Auction (Foyer, Stehekin)*
9:50-11:05a	4 Concurrent 75 minute Sessions
5A	**Psychosocial** Track: Marie Eaton, Community Champion, PCI, PhD, Palliative Care Institute, WWU and Erica Gaertner, RN, Executive Director of Eden Hospice of Whatcom and Snohomish Counties. **"Being With Dying: Self-care for the Caregiver".**
5B	**Clinical** Track: Lauren Smilde, DNP, ARNP, ACHPN and Maura DeOliveira, ARNP, ACHPN, EvergreenHealth Hospice. **"Navigating the MAiD Journey: Lessons Learned from Clinical Practice at EvergreenHealth Hospice"**.
5C	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Lindsey Topping-Schuetz, Program Manager, Courageous Parents Network Parent Champion Program and Kelsey Stanczyc, RN, Parent Champion for CPN (plus panel of 2 pediatricians and 2 parents). **"Shared Struggles: Stories of Care, Hope, and Love—From Parents and Pediatricians"**.
5D	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Andrea Denke, LICSW, Medical SW Team Lead and Dierdre Sherman, LSWAIC, Medical SW, WhidbeyHealth Hospice and Dana Sawyers, Coordinator, S. Whidbey Veteran Resource Center. **"Helping Veterans Access VA Services/Benefits at End of Life".**
11:05a-11:45a	Topical Networking (ask speakers to facilitate)
11:50a-12:20p	***Exhibitor Lunch***

12:25-1:25	4 Concurrent 1 Hour Sessions
6A	**Clinical** Track: Megan Lowe, PharmD, MBA & Somi Arthur, PharmD, BCGP (Dragonfly): **"Symptom Management Jeopardy"**
6B	**Clinical** Track: Anne Anderson, BSN RN CHPPN, Retired, WSHPCO Board Member, Erica Gaertner, Eden Hospice, Melanie Neff, Seattle Children's, Kelsey Stanczyk, RN, MSN, Parent Champion - Courageous Parents Network. **"How to Successfully Provide Pediatric Hospice Care With Less Anxiety for Your Team".**
6C	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Samantha Church, BSN, RN, CHPN & Jaelyn Lindsey, MSW, LICSW (Heartlinks): **"Honoring Patient Autonomy in Hospice: Developing a Safe and Structured Approach to Full Code Patients"**.
6D	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Casey Byman, Hospice Quality Program Manager, RN, BSN, EvergreenHealth & Barb Hansen, MA, RN, Executive Director, WSHPCO. "**The Intersection of Regulations with Clinical Practice: Shining a Light on Gray Areas in Hospice & Palliative Care"**.
1:35-2:35p	4 Concurrent 1 Hour Sessions
7A	**Clinical** Track: Judi Lund Person, MPH, Lund Person & Associates. **"What Can Hospice History Teach Us About Care Today and Tomorrow?"**
7B	**Clinical, Palliative Care, Psychosocial** Track: Adie Goldberg, PhD, MSW, M.Ed., WRPCI, Dawn Meicher, ARNP, Columbia County Health System, Dayton WA & Robert Leavitt, EMBA, MDiv, MAT, BCC Board Certified Chaplain, Palliative Care Team Sacred Heart Medical Center: "**Rural and Urban Ethics Vary Based On Zipcode".**
7C	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Alison Keeler, BSN, RN, CHPN (Confluence Health): **"Lost Voices, Unequal Care: Reducing Inequities in End-of-Life Dementia Symptom Management".**
7D	**Clinical, Palliative Care** Track: Melissa Chiu, MD. Assistant Professor, Divisions of Critical Care Medicine & Bioethics and Palliative Care, University of Washington, Paula McPoland, MD, Associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Washington, Palliative care clinician at Seattle Children's Hospital, Program Director UW Palliative Care and Hospice medicine fellowship-Pediatric Track and Caiti Morehead, LICSW, Stepping Stones Lead Social Worker, Providence at Home. **"When Getting Home is the Final Goal – Facilitating Transfer Home for Compassionate Extubation or Decannulation".**
2:35p	Adjourn – Safe Travels!