

Workshop on Forget Me Not: Palliative Care for People with Dementia

When a person with dementia approaches end of life, it can be very difficult for him/her and the carers. Meeting their needs and maximizing the quality of life require different professionals' inputs delivered in a sensitive manner. This workshop will approach this subject from a medical, social work and occupational therapy perspectives.

Part 1: Medical and social work intervention

Dr Chu and Miss Chan will share with you their experiences on issues commonly encountered by health and social care professionals when working with people with dementia, especially during the end-of-life stage. Inter-professional collaboration will also be demonstrated in clinical practice.

Part 2: Medical and occupational therapy intervention

Dr Chu and Mr Chu will highlight common features of dementia cases, such as memory loss, disturbing behaviors and depression. In addition, they will address musculoskeletal problems including sensory deterioration, motor function deterioration, muscle pain, fall risk and feeding problems due to oral motor function. Practical concepts and intervention skills from medical and occupational therapy perspectives will also be covered.