

Workshop on Caring for People with Intellectual Disabilities at End-of-Life

The life expectancy of people with intellectual disabilities has increased significantly during the last century. Like the rest of the population, they are more likely to die of illnesses associated with old age and in need of end-of-life care. However, their limited intellectual and communication ability together with labeling effect impose a challenge in the care delivery. In this training, the speaker will share his practice experience and skills in helping people with intellectual disabilities and their families to face the end-of-life issues. Specific strategies to facilitate the communication between health care team, patients and their caregivers will be highlighted.