

PATCH Learning Objectives for Fellows: Building Clinical Skills in Palliative Home Care

PATCH training will enhance fellows' clinical skills:

1. Determining who is appropriate for home visits.
2. Working with hospital discharges in identifying needs and responding appropriately
3. Working with providers from other agencies, eg, home health agencies.
4. Assessing home environment including safety
5. Communicating effectively with the patient's family and caregivers
6. Assessing the patient in a non-medical environment including appropriate physical exam
7. Identifying elder abuse or neglect and referring to adult protective services.
8. Managing pain and other terminal symptoms effectively in the home
9. Assessing function including fall risk
10. Identifying caregiver stress and referring for additional help, if needed.
11. Assessing adherence to treatment
12. Assessing medication use, side effects and potential interactions.
13. Prognosticating and assisting patients sensitively in developing advance directives