

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of these two 7-week courses is to assist health professionals in cancer care to integrate sexual health care in practice. Sexual concerns are one of the most common problems encountered in cancer care settings, yet they are the least likely to be discussed. The framework of both courses encourages course participants to:

- 1) address and confront the ways in which attitudes and biases impact practice
- 2) increase knowledge regarding the impact of cancer and treatment on sexual health; and
- 3) develop knowledge and skill with regard to assessment and interventions for common sexual health issues that arise across the cancer control continuum.

Attention to issues of diversity and interprofessional collaboration will be integrated throughout. The emphasis in the “Sexual Health and Cancer” course is on understanding the issues and developing skills in assessment and psycho-education. It is designed for all health professionals who work with people affected by cancer. It is a pre-requisite for the second course “Sex Counseling in Cancer”, which is designed for health professionals who have a counseling practice and wish to develop more skills in sex counseling.

**WHEN will this course be offered?** The “Sexual Health & Cancer” course will be offered from May 2 - June 24, 2010. Registration will be available from March 28 - April 15, 2011.

The “Sex Counseling in Cancer” course will be offered from September 26 to November 11, 2011. Registration will be available from August 15 - September 9, 2011.

Registration for both courses can be completed online through our website [www.ipode.ca](http://www.ipode.ca)

**HOW will this course be delivered?** The course design is web-based. A range of innovative learning resources have been developed specifically for this course, including case study narratives, video-taped interviews, and dramatizations of individual, family and interprofessional situations. Cases will provide opportunities for students to learn about diverse and marginalized communities. Online discussion boards will be maintained to explore course topics. In addition to independent study of the course materials, participants will meet in a real-time online seminar for 90 - 120 minutes every week.

**WHAT is the cost of the course?** The fee for each course is \$495 per person for CAPO members and \$550 for non-members. This fee covers access to interprofessional faculty, online course resources and IT support. It also includes a booklet of printed resources. Information on the payment process options will be distributed to individuals who registering for the course.

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