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## A Continuing Education Course Offering:

INTERPROFESSIONAL PSYCHOSOCIAL ONCOLOGY:  
INTRODUCTION TO THEORY AND PRACTICE



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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Psychosocial Oncology is a specialty area of cancer care that is concerned with the myriad of psychological, emotional, social and spiritual responses of persons affected by cancer. This web-based continuing education course provides an opportunity for practicing health professionals to explore common psychosocial issues that individuals and families experience when an adult family member is diagnosed with cancer. Primary emphases in the course include understanding the illness experience and assessing distress and coping from a family centered perspective. The course draws on a case-based, narrative format and provides opportunities to learn in small groups of interprofessional learners drawn from across Canada.

**WHO can take this course?** This course is designed for practicing health professionals in hospitals, cancer centres and the community who provide care to those experiencing cancer, including physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers, spiritual care providers and others. The course is part of a larger project developing national distance education initiatives for interprofessional practice in psychosocial oncology. This course has been offered since January 2008.

**WHEN will this course be offered?** The course will run from March 19 to June 16, 2012 (13 weeks). Online registration opens on January 30th and closes February 24th.

**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 minutes every week.

**WHAT is the cost of the course?** The course fee is \$850 per person for CAPO members and \$975 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 have committed to registering for the course.

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