



**Spring Quarterly Meeting ▪ Friday ▪ March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Devens Commons ▪ Devens, MA**

*Education ▪ Information ▪ Posters ▪ Networking ▪ Welcome to Spring*

7:30 – 8:30am      *Registration ▪ Poster Presentations ▪ Vendors*

8:30 – 10:00am      **Business Meeting**  
The business meeting provides a great opportunity to catch up on local, regional and national health care happenings.

10:00 – 10:30am      *Networking Break ▪ Poster Presentations ▪ Vendors*

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70% of surveyed Americans expressed the wish to die at home... only 30% do so. How end of life care is approached spans every sector of health care, from the community to inpatient to post-acute settings. It reflects the quality of care provided at this very intimate time of life. And end of life care acutely influences other measures, including readmissions, length of stay, and resource management.

Effective and compassionate management goes well beyond identifying a patient’s durable power of attorney or resuscitation status. It means creating a foundation in which there is an intent to fully understand patient wishes and to partner with the patient and family to fulfill those wishes. The core, the beginning, is the conversation that takes place between patients, their families and the health care team. This quarterly meeting focuses on the foundations for excellence in end of life care and will give participants insights and strategies to change the discussions in their organizations. Interactive presentations will provide an opportunity to more fully explore these issues.

10:30 – 12:15pm      **Creating a Comprehensive Approach**  
Speaker: Waneeta Everson, BSN, RN. Clinical Manager ▪ Homecare, Hospice and Palliative Care ▪ Gundersen Lutheran Health System ▪ LaCrosse, WI

12:15 – 1:15pm      *Lunch ▪ Networking Break ▪ Poster Presentations ▪ Vendors*

1:15 – 3:00pm      **Creating a Foundation**  
Speaker: Martha Jurchak, RN, PhD ▪ Executive Director, Ethics Service ▪ Brigham and Women’s Hospital ▪ Boston, MA

3:00pm      Contact Hours and Adjourn