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GREGORY MILLER, MD, JOINS COLLABRIA CARE AS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Gregory Miller, MD, a leader in the hospice and palliative care movement in Utah for many years, has joined Collabria Care as medical director of hospice and palliative care services.

With 20 years experience in hospice care and 12 in palliative care, Dr. Miller brings an exceptional level of expertise to the organization, and oversees care for all hospice and palliative care patients, working closely with the Collabria Care teams and patients' primary physicians. And with the growing number of individuals in Napa County coping with serious or terminal illness, his knowledge, experience, and commitment to palliative and hospice care make him a valuable resource in the Napa community.

“As the percentage of our population over the age of 60 increases with the Baby Boomer generation and as medical advances keep people alive longer, there is a growing need for this specialized sort of care, which often goes unmet,” says Dr. Miller.

“These services are a win-win situation for all: patients and their families are cared for in a way that manages symptoms and reduces the stresses of illness; they are given a voice in what is most important to them for maintaining quality of life (which is much broader than treatment options); and care is coordinated among all of the patient's providers. The result is an improved quality of life, fewer hospitalizations and ER visits, and reduced healthcare costs.

“My goals at Collabria Care are to ensure this kind of care is available to any in our community facing serious or terminal illness, to support the medical and larger community in doing so, and to build more partnerships with payers and providers to make this service more accessible.”

Experience

Before joining Collabria Care, Dr. Miller was medical director of palliative care for the Urban Central Region of Intermountain Healthcare, a 500-bed facility in Salt Lake City, UT. He also served as a hospice physician for Quality Hospice and an adjunct associate professor at the School of Medicine at the University of Utah. Prior to that, he worked as medical director for other hospices in the Salt Lake City area, as well as the hospice physician for the largest oncology practice in Utah.

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Dr. Miller was the first physician in Utah to be board certified by the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, and is also board certified in Pain Medicine and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He obtained his medical degree from the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University. He is affiliated with a number of national hospice, palliative care and pain medicine organizations

About Collabria Care

Collabria Care – Collabria Hospice (formerly Napa Valley Hospice & Adult Day Services), is the leading center for community-based care delivery and resources in the North Bay, for those facing the transitions of aging, Alzheimer’s disease and other serious illness, or the end of life. Collabria Care hosts the annual “Advances in Palliative Care” conference each fall. For more information, visit <http://collabriacare.org> or call (707) 258-9080.

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