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In advanced cancer, open discussions between oncologists and patients (and family caregivers) about emotions, prognosis and treatment choices are associated with improved quality of life and decreased utilization of burdensome health care interventions at the end of life. Promoting such discussions has been challenging. In this Grand Rounds, I will report on the largest clinical trial to date using communication-based interventions, directed at oncologists, patients and caregivers, in the context of advanced cancer designed to address patient and clinician reluctance to talk about prognosis, promote meaningful patient/ family involvement in decision-making and provide emotional support to help patients and families participate in care.

Friday, April 15, 2016
Helen Wood Hall Auditorium 1.304
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Assorted wraps will be available while supplies last. Bring your own beverage.

ASL interpreters or other accommodations are available upon request.
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