



CENTER FOR IMPROVING
VALUE IN HEALTH CARE

CIVHC hosts activities for National Health Decisions Day (NHDD) • Thursday, April 16th, 2020

Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC) is an objective, not-for-profit organization. Through services, health data, and analytics, we partner with Change Agents to drive towards the Triple Aim for all Coloradans. A key initiative we have is to help provide education and resources for Advance Care Planning (ACP) and host a bi-monthly ACP stakeholder meeting. This is the second year that CIVHC has helped to lead the efforts here in Colorado. For more information about CIVHC or the ACP work, please reach out to Kari Degerness at kdegerness@civhc.org.

Join us for any of the virtual opportunities to learn more and ask questions of experts about making your wishes known and documented. There is no cost associated with these events.

National Healthcare Decisions Day exists to inspire, educate and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance care planning. www.nhdd.org

CU Anschutz Multidisciplinary Center on Aging • Hillary Lum, MD, PhD

Thursday, April 16th from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Lum will provide an overview of Advance Care Planning, why it is important for everyone and how to get started, or continue, on your Advance Care Planning journey. There is no cost to attend. It will be recorded and publically available following the webinar.

- To register please go to: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wpcO-tqDMvcj8cdMhn9L6U5c6eFR30mw>
- **Dr. Lum** is a primary care geriatrician and palliative medicine physician. Her clinical practice helps inform her research on advance care planning (ACP) for older adults and their family members. Dr. Lum has done extensive research on Advance Care Planning and finding best practices for documenting patient preferences through Advance Care Planning. As part of this work, she and her team of colleagues at the University Of Colorado School Of Medicine with stakeholder engagement, created a website for Advance Care Planning resources.

For more information on Dr. Lum and ACP resources, please visit www.uhealth.org and <https://coloradocareplanning.org/>

The Conversation Project in Boulder County • Amanda Meier

TRU Community Care • Thursday, April 16th from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Volunteers available to answer questions about Advance Care Planning and provide planning documents. Appointments in 20 minute blocks are required to ensure privacy. There is no cost to these resources.

- To schedule your time please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EAF82AA4FB6-national>
- If you are not comfortable using zoom, please call: 303-250-4510.
- **English and Spanish-speaking volunteers will be available**

For more information, including Advance Care Planning Starter kits please visit: <http://theconversationprojectinboulder.org/>

The Denver Hospice • Melissa Davis

The Colorado Cancer Coalition Quarterly Meeting will have a special presentation at 1:00 pm focusing on Advance Care Planning (ACP). Please feel free to register for the full event or just join at 1 p.m. The Colorado Cancer Coalition is a statewide collaborative working to eliminate the burden of cancer in Colorado. We welcome providers, patients, survivors, non-profits and others to join. In addition to ACP, the meeting will feature updates on COVID-19 and Implications for Cancer Patients and Survivors.

There is no cost to attend.

- Registration: <https://ucdenver.zoom.us/meeting/register/vjEkdu-gqjlsItyMNN2JaRo04mWjGrapw>
- **Melissa Davis** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with The Denver Hospice and Optio Palliative Care. After earning her BA in Psychology from the University of Northern Colorado, she moved to Scotland and attended the University of Edinburgh to pursue her Master's Degree in Social Work. She worked as a case manager there until 2011, at which time she moved back to her home state of Colorado. She has continued her social work career, focused on working with people with chronic and terminal illnesses. Melissa is highly experienced in helping clients and their loved ones negotiate difficult transitions and losses. Melissa is deeply passionate about biomedical ethics, advance directives, advocacy, and educating social workers and healthcare professionals about these topics.

To learn more about The Colorado Cancer Coalition, please go to: <https://www.coloradocancercoalition.org/>

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