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Ensuring a Good Death through Enhanced Community-Based End-of-Life Care

Abstract

End-of-life experiences are emotionally complex and leave lasting impacts on individuals, families, and communities. Traditionally viewed as primarily a healthcare responsibility, end-of-life care benefits from a cross-sector, holistic approach that integrates community and social supports. The Faculty of Social Sciences launched the Jockey Club End-of-life Care (JCECC) Project to design and pilot two innovative holistic care models in community settings and elderly homes. Collectively, these models have benefited 7,227 patients and their families. Research outcomes informed capacity-building programs for 61,273 social and healthcare professionals and helped shape local government policy agendas. The work has also inspired the development of end-of-life care initiatives for persons with disabilities.

This seminar will present the rationale, design, and implementation of the two holistic care models. Participants will gain actionable insights into model components, outcome measurement, and policy translation to strengthen end-of-life care across settings.