

# HEALTH POLICY AND CLINICAL PRACTICE SEMINAR

## Patient-centered and efficacious advance care planning in cancer: findings from the PEACe-compare trial



**Date:** Friday, November 22, 2024

**Time:** 12:00pm – 1:00pm

**Location:** Hybrid: Onsite – WTRB Williamson Room 571 E&W

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Guidelines recommend advance care planning to improve patient-centered care near end of life, but the optimal approach is unknown. This seminar will present the rationale, design and primary outcomes from PEACe-compare, an NCI-funded randomized trial comparing facilitated vs patient-directed advance care planning interventions among 400 patients with advanced cancer. In addition to highlighting the relative impacts of these approaches, Dr. Schenker will discuss evolving definitions and recent controversies in the field of advance care planning, with discussion of next steps in ongoing efforts to improve the quality and patient-centeredness of end-of-life cancer care.

**Yael Schenker, MD, MAS, FAAHPM**, Professor of Medicine, palliative medicine physician, and Director of the Palliative Research Center (PaRC) at the University of Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on improving quality of life in serious illness. She has led large-scale trials evaluating palliative interventions in oncology and critical care settings, and she is widely sought after as a mentor and collaborator.

### Honoring the Legacy of Harold Wade through the Harold Wade Lecture Fund

This seminar is supported by the Harold Wade Lecture Fund. Established by Pamela Wade-Grant in loving memory of her father, Harold Wade, the Harold Wade Lecture Fund at the Koop Institute seeks to preserve the critical human element in medical care. Harold Wade, a small-town grocer from Southern Illinois, epitomized the personal touch often found in traditional doctor-patient relationships—knowing each customer by name, just as town doctors once did with their patients. The fund supports annual lectures on the topic of doctor/patient relationships, aiming to remind medical professionals of the importance of personal connection in healthcare. This initiative reflects Harold Wade's belief in the power of community and individual recognition, principles that guided him both in

