Pediatric palliative care elective suggested readings

Overview/General
1. American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Bioethics and Committee on Hospital Care – Palliative Care for Children, 2000
2. American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospice and Palliative Medicine and Committee on Hospital Care – Pediatric Palliative Care and Hospice Care Commitments, Guidelines, and Recommendations, 2013
3. Institute of Medicine – When Children Die (summary), 2003
4. Center to Advance Palliative Care “Pediatric Palliative Care Referral Criteria”

Communication
1. Hurwitz CA, Duncan J, Wolfe J. Caring for the child with cancer at the close of life: “There are people who make it, and I'm hoping I'm one of them.” Journal of the American Medical Association 2004; 292:2141-2149
2. Pantilat SZ. Communicating with seriously ill patients: better words to say. Journal of the American Medical Association 2009; 301:1279-1281
5. Levetown M. Communicating with children and families: from everyday interactions to skill in conveying distressing information. Pediatrics 2008; 121:e1441-e1460
11. Vital Talk: [www.vitaltalk.org](http://www.vitaltalk.org) – subscribe for access to videos on communication

**Decision Making**
4. The Seattle Decision Making Tool for Families
5. Aging with Dignity for the My Wishes®, Five Wishes®, and Voicing my Choices® documents: [www.agingwithdignity.org](http://www.agingwithdignity.org)

**Death and Dying**

**Grief and Bereavement**

**Ethics**

**Palliative Care Symptom Management**
   a. Ullrich and Mayer. Assessment and management of fatigue and dyspnea in pediatric palliative care
   b. Santucci and Mack. Common gastrointestinal symptoms in pediatric palliative care: nausea, vomiting, constipation, anorexia, cachexia
   c. Kersun and Shemesh. Depression and anxiety in children at the end of life
   d. Wusthoff, Shellhaas, Licht. Management of common neurologic symptoms in pediatric palliative care: seizures, agitation, and spasticity
   e. Friedrichsdorf and Kang. The management of pain in children with life-limiting illnesses


**Spirituality**

**Self Care**

**Resources for Children**
2. *The Invisible String*, Patrice Karst
3. *Waterbugs and Dragonflies: Explaining Death to Children*, Doris Stickney
5. *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf: A Story of Life For All Ages*, Leo Buscaglia
7. *Gentle Willow: A Story for Children about Dying*, Joyce C. Mills
8. *What is Death?*, Etan Boritzer
9. *I Miss You: A First Look at Death*, Pat Thomas
10. *When Families Grieve*, Sesame Street