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# Dignity Therapy Workshop

- Date:** Monday the 26th March 2012 to  
Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- Time:** 9am to 5pm (Monday, Tuesday),  
9am to 12md (Wednesday)
- Venue:** Curtin University,  
Shenton Park Campus  
10 Selby St Shenton Park
- Cost:** \$600: includes catering for 3 days  
and a Dignity Therapy Manual
- Registrations due:** 31/01/2012
- Payment due:** 28/02/2012
- Contact details:** telephone 08 9266 1760 or  
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Professor Harvey Chochinov is a Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry, Director of the Manitoba Palliative Care Research Unit, and Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care, University of Manitoba & Cancer Care Manitoba.

Professor Chochinov's research has covered a broad range of issues pertaining to palliative care, addressing the psychosocial dimensions of care for patients with life-limiting illnesses. His recent work on dignity-conserving care has made a significant contribution to medicine. He is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Order of Manitoba; he is the Founder and Chair for the Canadian Virtual Hospice, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. In addition to over 200 publications, he is the Co- Editor of the Handbook of Psychiatry in Palliative Medicine, published by Oxford University Press, and the Journal Palliative and Support Care, published by Cambridge University Press.

The **WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care** is proud to present an intensive two-and-a-half-day Dignity Therapy training workshop led by Professor Harvey Chochinov. Professor Chochinov, from the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba, is known as the founder of Dignity Therapy.

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Using the Dignity Therapy protocol and following the respondent's cues, a trained therapist facilitates the expression of thoughts, feelings, and memories that are compiled in a narrative document for the patient to share with a friend or loved one. The benefits of Dignity Therapy have been published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, the Journal of Palliative Medicine and more recently the Lancet.

The workshop will consist of a blend of lectures, small-group discussion, observation of Dignity Therapy in action, and hands-on opportunities for therapists to begin to learn how to carry out this novel intervention.

## **This workshop will be of interest to:**

- clinicians working with palliative care and/or geriatric patients
- researchers who wish to include Dignity Therapy in the development of new research projects
- health care administrators/nursing home administrators responsible for creating and operationalizing an approach to care that supports and affirms patient dignity and personhood

## **Please Note:**

- Workshop will be limited to 40 participants
- Please bring a laptop computer to use for the small group portion of the workshop if you have one



# Dignity Therapy Workshop Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (Dr./Mr./Mrs./Ms.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Rates** \$600 (Australian Dollars):

**Please check method of payment:**  Cheque  Credit card

Please make cheques payable to Curtin University:

**Credit card payments:**

Visa  Mastercard  Card number: \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward all payments to: Jo Hale c/o The Western Australian Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care  
 Curtin University, Health Research Campus, GPO Box U1987 Perth WA 6845  
 Tel: 08 9266 1760 Fax: 08 9266 1770 Email: [j.hale@curtin.edu.au](mailto:j.hale@curtin.edu.au)

**Cancellation Policy:** No refunds will be given for registration cancellations received after 12/03/2012.  
 Cancellations made prior to 12/03/2012 will be subject to a \$50 administrative fee.

**Special Requirements:** Please use this space to make us aware of any dietary or other special needs that you may have: \_\_\_\_\_