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Call for Special Focus Issue Papers: Integrative Palliative Care

Deadline for Manuscript Submission: January 31, 2020

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The fields of Palliative Care and Integrative Health have both advanced substantially over the past two decades. These movements share many fundamental values—patient-centeredness, respecting the body-mind-spirit whole person continuum, and supportive and complementary roles, yet the fields have grown in parallel rather than intentionally examining their shared mission. In 2020, JACM: Paradigm, Practice and Policy Advancing Integrative Health (*The Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*) will publish a Special Focus Issue on Integrative Palliative Care. The goal will be to enhance the natural synergy between integrative health and palliative medicine by drawing research and commentary that examine integrative palliative care. (For more reflection on the convergence, please see Adler et al. “Integrative Palliative Care: Enhancing the Natural Synergy Between Integrative Health and Palliative Medicine” JACM, March 2019).

Guiding the special issue are guest editors Shelley R. Adler, PhD and Delia Chiamonte, MD. Adler is Director of the University of California, San Francisco Osher Center for Integrative Medicine. She is a researcher and medical educator focusing on palliative and end-of-life care, with an emphasis on integrative health equity. Chiamonte is an integrative palliative care clinician at Gilchrist/Greater Baltimore Medical Center and was previously an integrative educational leader with the University of Maryland School of Medicine where she was the Associate Director and Director of Education for the University of Maryland School of Medicine Center for Integrative Medicine. She teaches in the Palliative Care Master's Program at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Drs. Adler and Chiamonte are supported by a Special Issue Advisory Team.

We invite your submissions! We are seeking original research and reviews in these areas: integrative palliative methods, examinations of multimodal approaches, implementation-related studies including exploration of cost and business models issues, and education research. If you have ideas that you believe would be solid additions but are not explicitly called out here, please send us a query.

Manuscript submission due date: January 31, 2020. When submitting your paper, please select the “Special Issue on Integrative Palliative Care” manuscript category to ensure it is considered for this special issue. Original manuscripts should be no longer than 3,000 words, and Systematic Reviews should be no longer than 4,500 words. Title, abstract, acknowledgments, disclosures, references, and figure/table legends do not count toward the word limit.

Additional feature: As an additional feature in this JACM Special Focus Issue, we urge your submission of a 500-word commentary to reflect on next steps for integrative palliative care: controversies; unusual experiences (not case reports); models of care; educational models; etc. We will select from those submitted a set that will be published together to capture the challenges and opportunities for this moment for the field.

If you have questions in this area, or ideas for other submissions that might strengthen the value of this special issue, please feel free to query us via Editor-in-Chief John Weeks at jweeks.jacm@gmail.com.

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