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BIO

Dr. Karl Lorenz, MD MSHS is a general internal medicine and palliative care physician, and Section chief of the VA Palo Alto-Stanford Palliative Care Program. Formerly at the VA Greater Los Angeles, Dr. Lorenz directed palliative care research at the VA Center for Innovation to Implementation and served on the faculty at the UCLA School of Medicine. Dr. Lorenz is a member of the VA's national Hospice and Palliative Care Program (HPC) leadership team, director of the operational palliative care Quality Improvement Resource Center (QuIRC), and adjunct faculty staff member at RAND. Dr. Lorenz's work and leadership has been influential to the field of palliative care research. Under Dr. Lorenz's leadership, since 2009 the Quality Improvement Resource Center (QuIRC) has served as one of three national leadership Centers responsible for strategic and operational support of the VA's national hospice and palliative care programs. QuIRC develops and implements provider facing electronic tools for the VA's national electronic medical record to improve the quality of palliative care. In that role, Dr. Lorenz participates with the national leadership team in strategic planning, policy development, and providing resources to support operational efforts. Dr. Lorenz has contributed to the field of global palliative care, serving the World Health Organization in its development of Palliative Care for Older People and leading methods for Palliative Care Essential Medications.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor - University Medical Line, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Section Chief, VA Palo Alto-Stanford University palliative care programs, (2015- present)
- Director, VA GEC National Resource Center: Quality Improvement Resource Center (QuIRC), (2009- present)
- Palliative Care and Cancer Research Special Program Area Co-Director, VA GLA HSR&D Center for the Study of Healthcare Provider Behavior/Center of Innovation, (2005-2015)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Deputy Secretary Award for Achievement, Department of Veterans Affairs (2010)
- Packer Australian-American Health Policy Fellowship, Australian Department of Health and Aging (2007-2008)
- Young Investigator Award, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (2006)

- Commendation for Role in VA Hospice and Palliative Care Initiative, Department of Veterans Affairs (2005)
- Hamolsky Junior Faculty Scientific Award Finalist, Society of General Internal Medicine (2003)
- National Innovation for Scholarship of Integration in Medical Education, Society of General Internal Medicine (2002)
- Nominee, Outstanding Scientific Paper, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (2000)
- Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical College of Georgia (1990)
- Phi Beta Kappa, Davidson College (1986)
- Alpha Epsilon Delta, Davidson College (1985)
- Freshman Alumni Award, Davidson College (1983)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Editorial Board, Annals of Palliative Medicine (2017 - present)
- Editorial Board, Journal of Pain and Symptom Management (2008 - present)
- Associate Editor, BMC Palliative Care (2008 - 2009)
- Guest Editor, Journal of Clinical Oncology special review issue on Quality of Supportive Cancer Care (2008 - 2008)
- Editorial Board, American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (2005 - 2008)
- Member, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (2000 - present)
- Member, Society for General Internal Medicine (1995 - present)
- Member, American College of Physicians (1991 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- VA Fellowship, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System , Ambulatory Care (2001)
- Masters in Science, UCLA School of Public Health , Health Services (2001)
- Chief Medical Resident, Naval Medical Center San Diego (1995)
- Resident in Medicine, Naval Medical Center San Diego (1994)
- Intern in Medicine, Naval Medical Center San Diego (1992)
- MD, Medical College of Georgia (1991)
- BA, Davidson College , English Literature (1986)

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Effective Screening for Pain Study, Not Recruiting

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Where Does it Hurt?: Medicine and Suffering in Global Context: COLLEGE 108 (Spr)

2022-23

- Where Does it Hurt?: Medicine and Suffering in Global Context: COLLEGE 108 (Spr)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Persistent Gaps in Use of Advance Directives Among Nursing Home Residents Receiving Maintenance Dialysis.** *JAMA internal medicine*
Kurella Tamura, M., Liu, S., Montez-Rath, M. E., O'Hare, A. M., Hall, Y. N., Lorenz, K. A.
2017
- **Being CAREFuL about improving end-of-life care in hospitals.** *Lancet (London, England)*
Aslakson, R. A., Lorenz, K.
2017
- **Association between aggressive care and bereaved families' evaluation of end-of-life care for veterans with non-small cell lung cancer who died in Veterans Affairs facilities.** *Cancer*
Ersek, M., Miller, S. C., Wagner, T. H., Thorpe, J. M., Smith, D., Levy, C. R., Gidwani, R., Faricy-Anderson, K., Lorenz, K. A., Kinosian, B., Mor, V.
2017
- **Factors Associated with Family Reports of Pain, Dyspnea, and Depression in the Last Year of Life** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Singer, A. E., Meeker, D., Teno, J. M., Lynn, J., Lunney, J. R., Lorenz, K. A.
2016; 19 (10): 1066-1073
- **Palliative Care Specialist Consultation Is Associated With Supportive Care Quality in Advanced Cancer.** *Journal of pain and symptom management*
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2016; 52 (4): 507-514
- **Populations and Interventions for Palliative and End-of-Life Care: A Systematic Review.** *Journal of palliative medicine*
Singer, A. E., Goebel, J. R., Kim, Y. S., Dy, S. M., Ahluwalia, S. C., Clifford, M., Dzeng, E., O'Hanlon, C. E., Motala, A., Walling, A. M., Goldberg, J., Meeker, D., Ochotorena, et al
2016; 19 (9): 995-1008
- **A Systematic Review of Family Meeting Tools in Palliative and Intensive Care Settings.** *The American journal of hospice & palliative care*
Singer, A. E., Ash, T., Ochotorena, C., Lorenz, K. A., Chong, K., Shreve, S. T., Ahluwalia, S. C.
2016; 33 (8): 797-806
- **Opportunities to Enhance Value-Related Research in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.** *Journal of general internal medicine*
Wagner, T. H., Burstin, H., Frakt, A. B., Krein, S. L., Lorenz, K., Maciejewski, M. L., Pizer, S. D., Weiner, M., Yoon, J., Zulman, D. M., Asch, S. M.
2016; 31: 78-83
- **A Qualitative Inquiry on Palliative and End-of-Life Care Policy Reform** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Schreiber-Baum, H. C., Xenakis, L. E., Chen, E. K., Hanson, M., Ahluwalia, S., Ryan, G., Lorenz, K. A.
2016; 19 (4): 400-407
- **Opportunities to Enhance Value-Related Research in the US Department of Veterans Affairs** *JOURNAL OF GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE*
Wagner, T. H., Burstin, H., Frakt, A. B., Krein, S. L., Lorenz, K., Maciejewski, M. L., Pizer, S. D., Weiner, M., Yoon, J., Zulman, D. M., Asch, S. M.
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- **The rise of concurrent care for veterans with advanced cancer at the end of life** *CANCER*
Mor, V., Joyce, N. R., Cote, D. L., Gidwani, R. A., Ersek, M., Levy, C. R., Faricy-Anderson, K. E., Miller, S. C., Wagner, T. H., Kinosian, B. P., Lorenz, K. A., Shreve, S. T.
2016; 122 (5): 782-790
- **Association of Early Patient-Physician Care Planning Discussions and End-of-Life Care Intensity in Advanced Cancer** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Ahluwalia, S. C., Tisnado, D. M., Walling, A. M., Dy, S. M., Asch, S. M., Ettner, S. L., Kim, B., Pantoja, P., Schreiber-Baum, H. C., Lorenz, K. A.
2015; 18 (10): 834-841

- **Proactive case finding to improve concurrently curative and palliative care in patients with end-stage liver disease.** *Journal of palliative medicine*
Walling, A. M., Schreiber-Baum, H., Pimstone, N., Asch, S. M., Robinson, L., Korlekar, S., Lorenz, K., Nwajuaku, T., Rosenfeld, K.
2015; 18 (4): 378-381
- **Proactive Case Finding To Improve Concurrently Curative and Palliative Care in Patients with End-Stage Liver Disease** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Walling, A. M., Schreiber-Baum, H., Pimstone, N., Asch, S. M., Robinson, L., Korlekar, S., Lorenz, K., Nwajuaku, T., Rosenfeld, K.
2015; 18 (4): 378-381
- **Quality of supportive care for patients with advanced lung cancer in the Veterans Health Administration.** *The Journal of community and supportive oncology*
Oishi, S. M., Antonio, A. L., Ryoo, J., Ordin, D. L., Lorenz, K. A., He, R., Asch, S. M., Kim, B., Malin, J.
2014; 12 (10): 361-369
- **Developing an Informatics Tool To Advance Supportive Care: The Veterans Health Care Administration Palliative Care National Clinical Template** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Goebel, J. R., Ahluwalia, S. C., Chong, K., Shreve, S. T., Goldzweig, C. L., Austin, C., Asch, S. M., Lorenz, K. A.
2014; 17 (3): 266-273
- **The Quality of Supportive Cancer Care in the Veterans Affairs Health System and Targets for Improvement** *JAMA INTERNAL MEDICINE*
Walling, A. M., Tisnado, D., Asch, S. M., Malin, J. M., Pantoja, P., Dy, S. M., Ettner, S. L., Zisser, A. P., Schreiber-Baum, H., Lee, M., Lorenz, K. A.
2013; 173 (22): 2071-2079
- **Provider Approaches to Palliative Dyspnea Assessment: Implications for Informatics-Based Clinical Tools** *AMERICAN JOURNAL OF HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Ahluwalia, S. C., Leos, R. L., Goebel, J. R., Asch, S. M., Lorenz, K. A.
2013; 30 (3): 231-238
- **Impact of Consideration of Transplantation on End-of-Life Care for Patients During a Terminal Hospitalization** *TRANSPLANTATION*
Walling, A. M., Asch, S. M., Lorenz, K. A., Wenger, N. S.
2013; 95 (4): 641-646
- **The quality of supportive care among inpatients dying with advanced cancer** *SUPPORTIVE CARE IN CANCER*
Walling, A. M., Asch, S. M., Lorenz, K. A., Malin, J., Roth, C. P., Barry, T., Wenger, N. S.
2012; 20 (9): 2189-2194
- **Emergency Medicine Physicians' Perspectives of Providing Palliative Care in an Emergency Department** *JOURNAL OF PALLIATIVE MEDICINE*
Stone, S. C., Mohanty, S., Grudzen, C. R., Shoenberger, J., Asch, S., Kubricek, K., Lorenz, K. A.
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