E X C E L L E N C E I N R U R A L E D U C A T I O N

Conference Description:
With the goal of excellence in rural education in mind, this conference will address the special needs and concerns of professionals working with persons with HIV infection and AIDS in rural communities. Honored faculty will present current information and research regarding the AIDS epidemic, pathophysiology, treatment strategies, psychosocial, and emotional components of the illness. Challenges of caring for persons with AIDS and their families living in the rural setting will be explored both personally and professionally.

Conference Objectives:
This educational offering will enable the participant to better:
1. Comprehend the pathophysiology of HIV infection and AIDS.
2. Describe current technologies, procedures and treatment strategies being used in the care of persons with HIV infection and AIDS.
3. Identify the approaches for preventing and managing complications of AIDS care including early intervention strategies for rural providers.
4. Describe the emotional impact of AIDS from the patient’s perspective and related therapeutic implications.
5. Enhance clinical and psychosocial assessment skills in the care of the AIDS patient and family living in the rural setting and institute appropriate interventions.
6. Understand the historical response to epidemics, effects on health policy, and the special needs and concerns of providers and employers in the rural community regarding the AIDS epidemic.
7. Exchange ideas and resources and discuss common concerns with colleagues.

AIDS AND HIV DISEASE IN THE RURAL COMMUNITY

Inlow Hall Theater, Eastern Oregon State College
La Grande, Oregon
Friday, May 11
7:30-8:15 A.M.: Continental Breakfast, Registration, Check-In
8:15-8:30: Greetings
David Gilbert, Ph.D., President, EOSC
Maraia Shoup, R.N., M.S.N., Director, OHSU School of Nursing, EOSC
8:30-10:30: 1990 AIDS and the Challenges in the Rural Community
Mark O. Loveless, M.D., Director, HIV Program
I. Overview
II. Pathophysiology
III. Treatment
10:30-10:45: Refreshment Break
10:45-11:15: Early Intervention Strategies for Rural Providers: Substance Abuse and HIV
Saul Shapiro
11:15-12:15: Management of Complications
Mark O. Loveless, M.D. and James Simons, R.N.C., B.S.N.
12:30-1:30: Lunch
1:30-2:15: Psychosocial Assessment and Management of Persons with HIV Disease and AIDS
James Simons, R.N.C., B.S.N., Kristine Nicholson, M.S.W.
2:15-2:45: AIDS and the Patient’s Perspective Panel of Patients
2:45-3:00: Refreshment Break
3:00-3:45: The Effect of HIV Infection on Gay Men in the Rural Community
Barbara Limandi, R.N., D.N.Sc., Kelly Mclain, R.N., B.S.N.
3:45-4:30: Response of Nurse Executives in Oregon to the AIDS Epidemic
Marie Berger, R.N., Ph.D., Caroline White, R.N., Dr. P.H.
4:30-5:15: AIDS and the Employer in the Rural Work Place
Wayne N. Burton, M.D., F.A.C.P.
5:15-5:45: Where Do We Go From Here?
Faculty Panel
Adjourn
6:45: No Host Social Refreshments

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dr. Mark O. Loveless, M.D. is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at OHSU, and serves as the director of the AIDS Education and Training Center. Dr. Loveless has been involved in the development of a new curriculum on AIDS in the rural community.

James Simons, R.N.C. is an instructor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at OHSU where he also serves as the administrator of the AIDS Education and Training Center. He has been instrumental in the development of a new curriculum on AIDS in the rural community.