



KOKUA MAU

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Hawai'i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kokua Mau Newsletter

October 2009

Dear Jeannette,

As usual, there is a lot going on with hospice and palliative care in Hawaii. I hope that you can help us publicize the two exciting educational events in November that are described below.

Two Kokua Mau Board Members named Best Doctors in Hawaii.

Congratulations to Daniel Fischberg and Rae Seitz for being named "Best Doctors in Hawaii" by the Pacific Business News.

Daniel and Rae are both long time supporters of Kokua Mau and actively working to improve palliative and end-of-life care in Hawaii.

Daniel currently serves as the Medical Director, Pain & Palliative Care Department, The Queen's Medical Center and as Associate Clinical Professor, Geriatric Medicine Department, John A. Burns School of Medicine,

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University of Hawai'i. A past Physician of the Year for both Hospice Hawaii and The Queen's Medical Center, Daniel regularly teaches interdisciplinary trainees and professionals about pain management and palliative medicine.

Rae Seitz has long championed palliative care at Kaiser Permanente, developing both home-based and hospital-based palliative care programs. In addition to managing patients in long-term care facilities Rae provides palliative care consults at Kaiser Foundation hospital and has taught hospice and palliative care medicine to medical students, geriatric fellows, nurses, social workers and physicians.

All doctors named this year are listed in a special section of the Sept. 25 edition.

11/12 Don't miss Teepa Snow speaking at Queen's

Is This Normal Forgetfulness or Something More Serious? - Helping Caregivers recognize Early Symptoms

FREE and OPEN to the public

Kokua Mau is proud to co-sponsor award-winning and highly entertaining Teepa Snow who is back by popular demand and will help caregivers to recognize symptoms of cognitive disorder and suggest strategies that work for all involved to improve quality-of-life.

- What are the keys signs of dementia?
- How do we know if the problem our loved one is experiencing is forgetfulness, depression or delirium?
- How can we best deal with some of the more challenging behaviors we face?

Please [download the flyer](#) about this free event from our website and distribute and post it to your network.

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November 12, 2009, 5:00 - 6:30pm
Mabel Smythe Auditorium
Queen's Medical Center

Limited free parking is available after hours across the street at the Department of Health on Punchbowl.

Cognitive issues often occur in people with cancer, either from the cancer itself or side effects from treatment or medication. Cognitive impairment is particularly common in end-stage cancer but an often overlooked issue for caregivers. Thanks to the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program for their support to make this event a reality.

Sign up now: Mission Possible III: On Her Majesty's Pain Service at Queen's 11/11/09

**Queen's Conference on Pain and Palliative Care:
Mission Possible III**

Managing your patients' pain and palliative care needs can sometimes feel like an impossible mission. Your Mission, should you decide to accept it: "Mission Possible III: On Her Majesty's Pain Service"

**Wednesday, November 11, 2009
7 am to 4:30 PM
The Queen's Conference Center**

AMA PRA Credit: 7.25 (fee and registration required)

To find out more go to the [Kokua Mau website](#) or [visit Queen's website](#)

The next meeting of Kokua Mau's program committee is October 29, 3-5pm at Hospice Hawaii. All are welcome.

Last but not least you can now find past Kokua Mau newsletters [on our website](#).

Aloha

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