



Tacoma Area
Health Information Management
Association

Please join us for a presentation and activity on:

Death and Dying – We all do it

Joe Kilgore

Joe has not always been a nurse. Nursing is his third career/job. For 10 years he was a deck hand sailing to Alaska (Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow) then after arriving at the destination port in Alaska transitioned to a heavy lift crane operator. During this time, he married the love of his life. He quit Alaska to stay home with his two growing boys. The next job was working in a shop fabricating metal doors and frames, eventually becoming the company's field service repair man, correcting shop fabrication errors in the field. It was physically demanding work. He went home after a particularly hard day and his wife informed him, she had a dream and a change in career was needed. She had dreamed he was all twisted and bent over from back injuries and could not play with his grandchildren. He entered nursing school shortly after that conversation.

After graduating from nursing school Joe was working as a charge nurse at a large nursing facility. After seeing interventional and not supportive care being provided to dying patients, he wrote a policy regarding death and dying as guide staff in care of the dying. Hospice RNs began visiting the facility and seeing patients. He noticed they shared the same thoughts and beliefs regarding death and dying. Joe became a hospice nurse in 1996 with a local agency and has been there since. He has been a field nurse, night call/triage nurse, and for the past 3 years Hospice unit-based educator. Over that time, he has dealt with thousands of deaths over the phone and been present at hundreds of deaths. He has learned there is one true certainty to life – we all die. Understanding that certainty lead to a desire to help others understand more about the dying process.

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Tacoma Community College **Building 11, Senate Room**

6501 South 19th Street, Tacoma, WA

Time: 6:00PM – 8:00PM **Registration and networking from 5:30PM – 6:00PM*

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