



# The VCU Institute for Women's Health Presents

## Difficult Conversations: Helping Patients Cope with Loss

### How to Treat a Woman: Strategies for Healthcare & Self-Care

An ongoing, year-round series of brown-bag seminars focused on women's health — for all healthcare professionals

**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2009

**Time:** 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** MCV Campus, Main Hospital, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Learning Center

#### Objectives:

- 1) To learn the fundamentals of the grief journey
- 2) To learn about specific conversation skills that help when communicating bad news
- 3) To acquire tools to help professionals communicate with patients and their families/caregivers at the end of life
- 4) To gain an understanding of the resources available in the community to refer patients to supportive services.

#### About the Speaker:

Harold M. Chung, MD, earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma along with his doctorate of medicine. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Iowa followed by a fellowship in hematology and oncology at the Virginia Commonwealth University Medical Center and is a graduate of the Palliative Care Education Program at Dana-Farber Cancer Center. He is currently an attending in the Bone Marrow Transplantation Program and the Palliative Care Program at VCU Medical Center and a member of the Massey Cancer Center.

#### About the Presentation:

In this session, Dr. Chung will provide participants with practical strategies for how to help their patients cope with bad news, loss, and grief. Attendees will also receive information about a variety of support systems in Richmond to assist in the grieving process.

**Fees:** None — free to all. No pre-registration required.

**Continuing Education:** This program awards 0.1 CEUs.

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