

"The Role of Music Therapy in the Community of Caring"

The arts play a variety of roles in healthcare, intersecting with a number of disciplines including medicine and the creative arts therapies. The arts may be used to help medical students develop the ability to provide compassionate, collaborative care, to prevent burnout or compassion fatigue among healthcare providers, or to address individualized patient needs through arts-based interventions. All of these disciplines or professions integrate the arts, but vary in their scope of practice and training requirements.

This session will introduce participants to music therapy, an allied health profession in which board certified music therapists use evidence-based music interventions within the context of a therapeutic relationship to address individualized needs. Participants will discuss the role that music therapy plays in humanistic, patient-and-family-centered care. Participants will also have the opportunity to experience common music therapy interventions, and identify ways to integrate music therapy into healthcare practices as well as discuss ways in which healthcare providers can use music to manage the stressors associated with caring.

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