

6th SMEC Workshop on: PALLIATIVE CARE (2)

***21 August 2010 (Saturday), 11.20am-1.00pm
Clinical Research Centre (CRC) Symposium Rooms 2&3***

Palliative Care has been defined as the active, total care of patients and families facing the problems of advanced, progressive disease, for whom the prognosis is limited and the focus of care is the quality of life. This interactive workshop will use either the story of Cystic Fibrosis sufferer, Eva Markvoort, or pancreatic cancer patient, Randy Pausch, to help understand the illness experience, and from there, how we can help people like them, live the best they can, for as long as they have got.

Eva was a young Canadian woman who had cystic fibrosis, a genetic condition that leads to chronic lung problems and eventual respiratory failure, unless a lung transplant is done. Although Eva had a successful double lung transplant, she developed chronic rejection and died on 27 March 2010, a few days' short of her 26th birthday.

Randolph Frederick "Randy" Pausch (October 23, 1960 – July 25, 2008) was an American professor of at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Pausch learned that he had pancreatic cancer in September 2006, and in August 2007 he was given a terminal diagnosis: "3 to 6 months of good health left". He gave an upbeat lecture entitled "The Last Lecture: Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams" on September 18, 2007 at Carnegie Mellon, which became a popular YouTube video and led to other media appearances.

Please read Eva's blog <http://65redroses.livejournal.com/> (In particular, please read the posts from the last three months of her life) or youtube "Randy Pausch The Last Lecture".

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**Registration is on a
first-come-first-served basis.**

**Closing date of registration:
13th August 2010**