



**Overall Symposia Description (Example):**

Patients' deaths often have profound and lasting impact, deeply affecting not only their loved ones, but also their healthcare providers. There is a compelling need to better understand how we can best support those impacted by loss in cancer settings. This symposium will feature four speakers whose research focuses on grief and loss. The first presentation will describe findings from a survey of palliative care services in 25 countries conducted by the European Association for Palliative Care Bereavement Task Force that examined the types of bereavement care offered. The second presentation will describe a model of hospital-based transitional support to assist bereaved families of pediatric cancer patients. The third presentation will focus on the use of telemental health to facilitate provision of support to the bereaved, focusing on preliminary results from a trial of Meaning-Centered Grief Therapy delivered through videoconferencing. The final presentation will focus on the impact of patient loss on providers, focusing on a mixed methods study of the grief experienced by pediatric oncologists. The symposium will conclude with a discussion about the implications of these studies for advancing bereavement research and for care of our patients, our colleagues, and ourselves.

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1. Sentence(s) providing introductory background.
2. General statement about the number of presentations in the symposium and how they thematically overlap.
3. Approximately one sentence to describe each of the presentations.
4. A concluding statement that focuses on themes that will be discussed.