

# Suicide and the Elderly

Despite the fact that suicide and its prevention continues to be a major health concern in the United States, clinicians often overlook the warning signs of suicide in the elderly. This workshop is designed to provide clinicians and other healthcare providers with the tools needed to assess, evaluate and intervene with at risk individuals. Some of the topics covered in this program are:

- Who is at Risk?
- What are the Protective Factors in Suicide?
- Suicide and Mental Illness
- Suicide and Dementia
- Recognizing the Warning Signs
- Interventions



## **PRESENTER**

**Patricia Campbell Righter**, RN, MSN, PMHCNS BC, is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Piedmont Geriatric Hospital where she works daily with the geropsychiatric inpatient population and their families. She is an experienced educator and trainer, having taught nursing students both in the classroom and in the clinical setting. She has considerable experience in both adult psychiatric mental health nursing and geriatric nursing. In her role at Piedmont, she has developed and presented material on anxiety and depression as well as topics aimed at reducing caregiver burden and depression. Mrs. Righter has also presented on Suicide in the Elderly in the community. She is also nearing the completion of her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at the University of Virginia.

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
**TIME:** 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
(30 min. lunch)  
**PLACE:** Piedmont Geriatric Hospital,  
Burkeville, Virginia  
**COST:** \$25.00 per person, including  
lunch, or \$42.00 with optional  
CEUs.  
**CEUs:** 0.5 CEUs from John Tyler  
Community College are requested.  
CEUs are optional for a processing  
fee of \$17.00 per person. PGI will  
issue a Certificate of Completion  
for five (5) contact hours if you elect  
not to receive CEUs.

## **ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment is limited, so please enroll soon, but not later than the **May 8** deadline. Refunds can be made only if we receive your cancellation five (5) days before the workshop date. Send registration form and check (payable to PGI) to:



Piedmont Geriatric Institute  
P. O. Box 427  
Burkeville, VA 23922-0427

Contact us at 434-767-4521, Fax 434-767-4947,  
or email [christy.ballou@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:christy.ballou@dbhds.virginia.gov)

For upcoming events, visit us at <http://www.pgh.dbhds.virginia.gov/PGIWeb/pgihome.htm>

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## **REGISTRATION FORM: Suicide and the Elderly**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Position(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
CEUs \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment will follow \$ \_\_\_\_\_