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'WORKING TOGETHER' FOR CANCER AND PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH

As part of National Palliative Care Week, Silver Chain Hospice Care Service and The WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care, Curtin University, will be showcasing their collaborative research efforts and achievements at the 2010 Palliative Care Research Symposium on Thursday, May 27 2010.

"The Symposium, titled "*Working Together*," will provide clinicians, researchers, educators and consumers with an update on the collaborative research program between Silver Chain Hospice Care Service and the WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care," said Silver Chain Research Director, Professor Gill Lewin.

"As Silver Chain continues to be at the forefront of community palliative care in Australia, Silver Chain staff and researchers from The WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care will present on topics relevant to best practice palliative care including spiritual assessment, the pharmacist's role in community palliative care, flexible models of care to support people living alone, palliative care in the last year of life, improving the psychological wellbeing of carers and research on breathlessness in Silver Chain's palliative care population.

"The Symposium will be a highly informative afternoon presenting innovative research which will help to inform the way nurses practise in the field.

"Anyone interested in the latest research on palliative care from The WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care and Western Australia's largest health service provider, Silver Chain, is encouraged to attend the Working Together Symposium," concluded Professor Lewin.

Held at the Wollaston Conference Centre, Mount Claremont, the session will run from 1:00pm – 4:00pm and will be followed by wine and cheese tastings.

Register by Monday, May 24 2010 to Ms Jo Hale, The WA Centre for Cancer and Palliative Care, Curtin University of Technology, on Tel (08) 9266 1760 or email j.hale@curtin.edu.au.

The State Palliative Care Conference will take place the following day, Friday, May 28 2010, at the same venue where Silver Chain representatives will present information on 'Blue Skies' - a bereavement pilot program for children aged eight to 12 years following the death of their primary caregiver/s. This program is the first of its kind in Western Australia.

Visit www.silverchain.org.au/blue-skies for more information.

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