

EDUCATION

- June 2021 **Doctor of Philosophy**, *Università degli studi di Ferrara, Italy*.
Award: Full Bursary - €41,000 (3 years)
Thesis: Distress in family caregiver of individuals recently diagnosed with acute leukemia: A grounded theory study.
- Jun. 2014 **Master of Social Work**, *University of Toronto, Canada*.
Awards: i) Dean's list (Jun. 2014); ii) University of Toronto Fellowship (Dec. 2013)
- Oct. 2010 **Bachelor of Psychology**, Neuroscience Specialty.
Universita' degli studi di Milano-Bicocca

CURRENT POSITIONS

- July 2021 - present **Clinician Specialist**
Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC)

Clinical Role

- Deliver psychotherapy to individuals and couples facing advanced cancers and receiving care at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
- Deliver psychotherapy to family caregivers of children diagnosed with life-threatening cancers and receiving care at the hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

Clinician Educator Role

- Provide training and supervision to local and international clinicians
- Develop and lead a novel, 2-year practicum curriculum for social work students focused on research and psychotherapy (in collaboration with the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto)

Research Role

- Contribution to manuscripts, grants and other knowledge translation activities
- Oversight of clinical and research activities for multiple local and international research studies, including large, multi-centre Randomized Controlled Trials.
- Standardization of procedures, study start-up, training of staff, and oversight of qualitative and quantitative data collection.

- Oct. 2020 - present **Social Worker (Cross-appointment)**
Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids), Toronto (ON)
Examine the needs of family caregivers of oncology pediatric patients and develop and refine a targeted support program
- May 2019 - present **Registered Social Worker, Psychotherapist (Private Practice)**
Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health, Toronto (ON)
Deliver psychotherapy to and couples for a variety of presenting issues
- Sep. 2021 – present **GBQ2 Men's Counselling Trainer**
Gay Counselling Training Hub, Toronto (ON)
Provide Motivational interviewing training for counsellors supporting gay, bisexual, queer, and 2-spirit men

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- CLINICAL TRAINING: EMOTION FOCUSED THERAPY (EFT) FOR INDIVIDUALS**
- May 2019 - present **Ongoing training:** Weekly clinical rounds with presentations and discussions with experts in the field. *Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health. Chair: Dr. S. Warwar*
- Exp. Oct. 2022 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Emotion-Focused Therapy for Complex Relational Trauma
Dr. S. Paivio. EFT Training Institute, York university
- July 2021 **Workshop (2 days):** Working with Self-Interruptive Processes, Emotional Blocks and Avoidance of Emotions in Psychotherapy.
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. The Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health
- July 2021 **Workshop (2 days):** Assess, Regulate, Activate, and Transform Emotions in Psychotherapy
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. The Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health
- June 2021 **Workshop (2 days):** Working with Emotions in Depression and Anxiety.
Dr. L. Greenberg. The Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health
- May 2021 **Intensive Workshop (3 days):** Emotion-Focused Therapy Master Class for Generalized Anxiety. *Dr. Jeanne Watson. EFT Training Institute, York university*
- May 2021 **Intensive Workshop (3 days):** Advanced Empathy Skills and Relational Process Training
Dr. R. Elliott. International Society for EFT
- August 2020 **Intensive workshop (5 days):** Emotion Focused Therapy (Level 2) - observer
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. York University Psychology Clinic
- August 2020 **Intensive workshop (5 days):** Emotion Focused Therapy (Level 1) - observer
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. York University Psychology Clinic
- May 2019 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Emotion Focused Therapy (Level 2)
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. York University Psychology Clinic
- Nov. 2016 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Emotion Focused Therapy (Level 1)
Dr. L. Greenberg. York University Psychology Clinic

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- CLINICAL TRAINING: EMOTION FOCUSED THERAPY (EFT) FOR COUPLES/GROUPS**
- May 2019 - present **Ongoing training:** Weekly clinical rounds with presentations and discussions with experts in the field. *Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health. Chair: Dr. S. Warwar*
- Exp. Feb. 2022 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Emotion-Focused Group Therapy
Dr. S. Thompson, Dr. L. Girz. Transforming Emotions, Toronto
- April 2021 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Advanced Emotion-Focused Therapy for Couples
Dr. S. Warwar. Swiss Institute for Emotion-Focused therapy
- October 2019 **Intensive workshop (5 days):** Emotion Focused Couples Therapy - observer
Dr. L. Greenberg, Dr. S. Warwar. York University Psychology Clinic
- Dec. 2017 **Intensive workshop (4 days):** Emotion Focused Couples Therapy
Dr. L. Greenberg. York University Psychology Clinic

CLINICAL TRAINING: COGNITIVE BEHAVIOURAL THERAPY (CBT)

2017 - 2019 **Ongoing training:** Twice weekly clinical rounds (assessment and treatment) with presentations and discussions with experts in the field. *Dr. E. Denisoff (treatment), Dr. V. Velyvis (assessment). CBT Associates*

Nov. 2017 **Workshop (2 days): Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in Action**
Dr. C. Padesky. Toronto (ON)

CLINICAL TRAINING: PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC APPROACHES TO ADVANCED CANCER

2014 - present **Ongoing Training:** Weekly clinical and research meetings with presentations and discussions with experts in the field. *Princess Margaret Cancer Centre. Chair: Dr. G. Rodin; Dr. S. Hales*

2010 - 2019 **International workshops:** Twice yearly intensive workshops in Canada and abroad. *Princess Margaret Cancer Centre and Partnering Institutions.*

CLINICAL TRAINING: TRAINER IN MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING (MI)

Sep. 2021 - present **Intensive Training:** Didactic teaching (100 hours), experiential learning and supervision
Scott Simpson and Dr. Trevor Hart, Gay Counselling Training Hub

Sep. 2021 - present **Ongoing Training:** Weekly clinical meetings
Scott Simpson and Dr. Trevor Hart, Gay Counselling Training Hub

CLINICAL SUPERVISION: ONGOING TRAINING

Sep. 2021 - present **Motivational Interviewing Trainer.** Weekly supervision
Gay Counselling Training Hub

Feb. 2022 – Present **Emotion Focused Therapy (individuals and couples).** Bi-weekly group supervision meetings
Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health. Chair: Dr. L. Greenberg

Oct. 2020 - Present **Emotion Focused Therapy (individuals and couples).** Weekly group supervision meetings
Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health. Chair: Dr. S. Warwar

May 2019 – Dec. 2020 **Emotion Focused Therapy (individuals and couples).** Weekly individual supervision
Dr. S. Warwar, Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health, Toronto (ON)

2017 - 2019 **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Anxiety disorders.** Monthly individual supervision
Dr. Daniel Pelusi; Dr. V. Velyvis. CBT Associates, Toronto (ON)

2014 - 2019 **Psychotherapeutic approaches in advanced cancer.** Weekly group supervision meetings
Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto (ON). Chair: Dr. G. Rodin, Dr. S. Hales

2016 - 2018 **Emotion Focused Therapy,** Monthly group supervision meetings
Private. Chair: Dr. L. Greenberg

OTHER RELEVANT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2014 - 2021 **Social Worker in Research**
*Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre
Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC)*

2017 - 2019 **Registered Social Worker, Psychotherapist (Private Practice)**
CBT Associates, Toronto (ON).
Conducted assessments and delivered psychotherapy for anxiety disorders and depression

RELEVANT RESEARCH TRAINING

2009 - Present **Ongoing training: Research Seminars (Quantitative, Qualitative, Mixed-Methods)**
Multiple weekly research group meetings with presentations by peers and experts in the field. *Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto (ON)*

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 - 2017 **Community-Based Research Consultant (Part-time)**
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Toronto (ON)

2013 - 2014 **Master level, Research Assistant (Part-time)**
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, Toronto (ON)

AFFILIATIONS

1. Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network.
2. Department of Social Work, The Hospital for Sick Children
3. Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative, and End-of-Life Care (GIPPEC). Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network and University of Toronto.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Field Instructor (2021-present)

In partnership with the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto and the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, developed a novel, 2-year practicum curriculum for social work students. Provide didactic teaching and supervision.

Qualitative Peer Support Group (2021-present)

Provide didactic teaching and supervision in interviewing techniques to qualitative researchers at the Princess Margaret Cancer Centre.

Supervisor, Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative and End-of-life Care (2019-present)

Provide psychotherapy supervision to a group of psychologists in Italy learning CALM, a brief psychotherapeutic intervention for patients with advanced or metastatic cancer.

Lecturer, University of Turin (Italy), Department of Neuroscience (Exp. February 2022)

Level II Master: Cure Palliative e Terapia del Dolore per Psicologi.

Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto (2018-2021)

Collaborative Specialization in Aging, Palliative and Supportive Care Across the Life Course

2020-2021 **AGE1500H** - Advanced research methodologies in Palliative and Supportive Care.
Supervisor: G. Rodin (x2)

2018-2020 **AGE1000H** - Multidisciplinary concepts in Palliative and Supportive Care Research:
Investigating a global health priority (x3)

Seminar (6 hours), Università degli Studi di Ferrara, Italy (2018)

Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully (CALM). Two case studies for a brief psychotherapeutic intervention for patients with advanced or metastatic cancer. Audience: psychologists in supervised practice.

MODULES IN PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOPS

Clinical **Invited speaker:** Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM) International Workshops, Toronto (ON). June 2-3, 2018.

Facilitator: Responding to Distress and Anger in Cancer Patients - a Psychosocial Workshop for Nurses. Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto (ON). March, 2018

Invited speaker: Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM): Training Workshop for Healthcare Professionals. Hamad Medical Corporation. Doha (Qatar), October 16-18, 2017

Research **Invited speaker:** Psicoterapie esistenziali e medicina centrata sui valori: Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully (CALM). Università degli studi di Ferrara. Ferrara (Italy), April 26-28, 2017

Invited speaker: Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully (CALM) International Workshops, Toronto (ON). May 31-June 2, 2015; May 29-31, 2016; May 28-29, 2017

CERTIFICATIONS

Exp. 2022 **Certified Trainer: Emotion-Focused therapy (individual and couples)**
International Society for Emotion Focused Therapy

Exp. 2022 **Certified Therapist: Emotion-Focused therapy (individual and couples)**
International Society for Emotion Focused Therapy

Exp. 2022 **Certified Supervisor: Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM)**
Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative, and End-of-life Care

September 2020 **Certified Therapist: Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM)**
Global Institute of Psychosocial, Palliative, and End-of-life Care

*Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM): A brief psychotherapeutic intervention for patients with advanced or metastatic cancer

APPOINTMENTS

2017 – 2018 **Adjunct Lecturer (Field Instructor)**
2021 - present *Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto*
Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto (ON)

COMMUNITY WOK

Nov. 2016 **Guest Speaker**
May 2017 *AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), Toronto (ON)*
Oct. 2018 *Body Image Support Group for Gay & Bi Men.*

2015 - 2017 **Counsellor (pro-bono)**

The 519 Community Centre, Toronto (ON)

Individualized counselling to clients who identify with the LGBTQ2SIA community

MEMBERSHIPS

2014 - Present **Member;** Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers

2017 - Present **Member;** Ontario Association of Social Workers

LANGUAGES

English: Fluent

Italian: Fluent

PUBLICATIONS

1. Benites AC, dos Santos MA, Pereira LF, **Malfitano C**, Rodin G. Psychological interventions for patients with advanced cancer and their family caregivers in brazil: A scoping review and considerations for future implementation of calm therapy. Manuscript in preparation.
2. **Malfitano C**, Nanos S, Caruso R, Grassi L, Rydall A, Zimmermann, C, Rodin G. Distress in family caregivers of individuals recently diagnosed with acute leukemia: A grounded theory study. Manuscript in preparation.
3. Mah K, Shapiro GJ, de Vries F, Hales S, Rydall A, **Malfitano C**, An E, Nissim R, Li M, Zimmermann C, and Rodin G. Investigating the factor structure of the Demoralization Scale in advanced cancer. Manuscript in preparation.
4. Tricou C, Rodin G, Mah K, **Malfitano C**, Patterson A, Rydall A, Zimmermann C. Validation of the Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale (ESAS) modified for Acute Leukemia patients: ESAS-AL. Manuscript in preparation.
5. De Vries F, Mah K, **Malfitano C**, Shapiro G, Zimmermann C, Hales S, Rodin G. Validation of the Clinical Evaluation Questionnaire: A Novel Measure of the Perceived Benefit of Interactions of Patients with Advanced Cancer with Healthcare Providers. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*. Accepted for publication.
6. Caruso R, Nanni MG, Sabato S, Hales S, Rodin G, **Malfitano C**, Grassi L (2020). Application of Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM) in Advanced Cancer Patients: An Italian Pilot Study. *Psychotherapy and psychosomatics*, 89(6), 402-404.
7. Caruso R, Nanni MG, Rodin G, Lo C, Hales S, **Malfitano C**, De Padova S, Bertelli T, Belvedere-Murri M, Miniotti M, Bovero A, Sabato S, Grassi L. Efficacy of a brief manualized intervention, Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM), adapted to the Italian cancer care setting: Study protocol for a single-blinded randomized controlled trial. *Contemporary clinical trials*, 2020 October 10 [Epub ahead of print]. doi.org/10.1016/j.conctc.2020.100661
8. Mah K, Shapiro G, Hales S, Rydall A, **Malfitano C**, An E, Nissim R, Li M, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. The impact of attachment security on death preparation in advanced cancer: The role of couple communication. *Psychooncology*, 29(5), 833-840. doi: 10.1002/pon.5354.
9. Mah K, Powell RA, **Malfitano C**, Gikaara N, Chalklin L, Hales S, Rydall A, Zimmermann C, Mwangi-Powell FN, Rodin G. Evaluation of the Quality of Dying and Death Questionnaire with Caregivers of Patients with Advanced Cancer in Kenya. *Journal of Global Oncology*. 2019; 1-15. doi.org/10.1200/JGO.18.00257
10. Rodin G, An E, Shnall J, **and Malfitano C**. Psychological Interventions for Patients With Advanced Disease: Implications for Oncology and Palliative Care. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 38(9), 885-904
11. Rodin G, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Lo C, Marmar C, Schimmer A, Zimmermann C. Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): A randomized pilot trial of an integrated psychological and palliative care intervention for patients with acute leukemia. *Supportive Care in Cancer*. 2019 Apr 17. 10.1007/s00520-019-04723-2. [Epub ahead of print]
12. Vehling S, Tian Y, **Malfitano C**, Shnall J, Watt S, Mehnert A, Rydall A, Zimmermann C, Hales S, Lo C, Rodin G. Attachment security and existential distress among patients with advanced cancer. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, 2019; 116, 93-99. Doi: 10.1016/j.jpsychores.2018.11.018
13. Fraser B, Korenblum C, Mah K, Watt S, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Schimmer A, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. The Experience of Medical Communication in Adults with Acute Leukemia: Impact of age and attachment security. *Psychooncology*, 2019; 28(1), 122-130. Doi: doi.org/10.1002/pon.4919
14. Rodin G, Lo C, Rydall A, Shnall J, **Malfitano C**, Chiu A, Panday T, Watt S, An E, Nissim R, Li M, Zimmermann C, Hales S. Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully: A Randomised Controlled Trial of a Psychological Intervention for Patients with Advanced Cancer. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*, 2018; 36(23), 2422. Doi: 10.1200/JCO.2017.77.1097
15. Nissim R, **Malfitano C**, Coleman M, Rodin G, Elliott M. A Qualitative Study of a Compassion, Presence, and Resilience Training for Oncology Healthcare Providers. *Journal of Holistic Nursing*. First Published March 29, 2018 DOI: 10.1177/0898010118765016
16. Vehling S, **Malfitano C**, Shnall J, Watt S, Panday T, Chiu A, Rydall A, Zimmerman C, Hales S, Rodin, G, Lo C. A concept map of death-related anxieties in patients with advanced cancer. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care*, 2017; 1:1-8. Doi: 10.1136/bmjspcare-2016-001287.

17. Lo C, Hales S, Chiu A, Panday T, **Malfitano C**, Jung J, Rydall A, Li M, Nissim R, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully (CALM): randomised feasibility trial in patients with advanced cancer. *BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care* Published Online First: 19 January 2016. doi:10.1136/bmjspcare-2015-000866
18. Lo C, Hales S, Rydall A, Panday T, Chiu A, **Malfitano C**, Jung J, Li M, Nissim R, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial. *Trials* 2015; 16:391. Doi: 10.1186/s13063-015-0811-1
19. Lo C, Hales S, Jung J, Chiu A, Panday T, Rydall A, Nissim R, **Malfitano C**, Petricone-Westwood D, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. Managing Cancer And Living Meaningfully (CALM): Phase 2 trial of a brief individual psychotherapy for patients with advanced cancer. *Palliative Medicine*, 2014; 28(3): 234-242. Doi: 10.1177/0269216313507757

INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

1. **Malfitano C**, Hales S, Rodin G. Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM) Therapy. In *Palliative Psychiatry*. Submitted.
2. **Contribution to chapters 2 and 9 in:** Rodin G and Hales S (2021). *Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (CALM): a psychotherapeutic approach to advanced cancer*. Oxford University Press; New York, USA. DOI: 10.1093/med/9780190236427.001.0001
3. **Malfitano C**, Caruso R, Grassi L. Problemi psicosociali e psichiatrici della famiglia. In *Aspetti Psicosociali in Cure Palliative* (Grassi L, ed.). In Press.

REVIEWER FOR SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS

1. **JCO Global Oncology** (2021)
2. **Psycho-Oncology** (2021)

RESEARCH GRANTS

1. Funding Agency: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Spring 2020 CIHR Project Grant. Title: *Emotion and Symptom-focused Engagement for Patients with Solid Organ Transplant (EASE-SOT): an Open-Label Pilot Randomized Study of a Novel Intervention*. Principal Investigators: Ivan Mucsi, MD. Co-applicants: B. Chaparro Mutis, H. Clarke, R. Colman, E. Huszti, **C. Malfitano**, Y. Moayed, R. Nissim, G. Rodin, H. Ross, A. Rydall, N. Selzner, K. Wentlandt. Funding period: March. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023. Amount awarded: \$100,000 (1 year).
2. Funding Agency: Gateway for Cancer Research – Gateway Grant. Title: *The Online Adaptation of Managing Cancer and Living Meaningfully (iCALM): A Phase II Randomized Controlled Trial*. Principal Investigators: Gary Rodin, MD; Sarah Hales, PhD, MD; Alejandro Berlin, MD (Co-PIs). Co-applicants: **Carmine Malfitano, MSW, RSW**; Twinkle aurora, Msc.. Collaborators: Anne Rydall, MSc; Lesley Chalklin, MSc; Rinat Nissim, PhD; Harald Baumeister, PhD; Natalie Bauereiß, MSc. Sheena Melwani, MSc HI; Kenneth Mah, PhD; Eryn Tong, MSc. Funding period: Dec. 11, 2020 – Dec. 10, 2022. Amount awarded: \$338,795.77 (2 years)
3. Funding Agency: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Spring 2020 CIHR Project Grant. Title: *Traumatic stress symptoms in family caregivers of patients with acute leukemia: a longitudinal observational study*. Principal Investigators: Gary Rodin MD & Lindsay Jibb, PhD, RN, M.Sc. (Co-PIs). Co-

applicants: Sarah Alexander MD; **Carmine Malfitano MSW**; Collaborators: Aaron Schimmer MD, PhD, Sumit Gupta MD PhD, Rinat Nissim PhD, Camilla Zimmermann MD PhD, Sarah Hales MD PhD, Anne Rydall MSc. Funding period: Oct. 1, 2020-Sep. 30, 2024. Amount awarded: \$855,000 (4 years).

4. Funding Agency: Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - Spring 2019 CIHR Project Grant. Title: *Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): A randomized controlled trial for individuals with acute leukemia*. Principal Investigators: Gary Rodin MD & Camilla Zimmermann MD, PhD (Co-PIs). Co-applicants: Aaron Schimmer MD, PhD; Jennifer White MD, MSc; Wendy Yeomans MD; **Carmine Malfitano MSW**; Rinat Nissim PhD; Anne Rydall MSc. Collaborators: Charles Marmar MD; Kenneth Mah PhD; Chris Lo PhD. Funding period: Oct. 1, 2019-Sep. 30, 2024. Amount awarded: \$761,176 (5 years).
5. Funding Agency: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) - Academic Health Science Centre Alternative Funding Plan. Title: *A phase II randomized controlled trial (RCT) of an internet- and mobile-based intervention for individuals with advanced or metastatic cancer (iCALM)*. Principal Investigator: Gary Rodin, MD & Sarah Hales, MD, PhD (Co-PIs). Co-Investigators: Harald Baumeister, PhD; Natalie Bauereiß, M.Sc.; Co-Applicants: **Carmine Malfitano, PhD (C), MSW**; Anne Rydall, MSc; Kenneth Mah, PhD. Funding period: January 2019 - January 2021. Amount awarded: \$186,000 (2 years)
6. Funding Agency: Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute (CCSRI) - Quality of Life Grant (February 2017). Title: *Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): A multi-site randomized controlled trial for individuals with acute leukemia*. Co-Principal Investigators: Gary Rodin, MD, and Camilla Zimmermann, MD, PhD. Co-Applicants: Rinat Nissim, PhD, Aaron Schimmer, MD, PhD, Sarah Sample, MSW, RSW. Additional Authors: Anne Rydall, MSc, **Carmine Malfitano, MSW**. Collaborators: Donna Hogge, MD, PhD, Wendy Yeomans, MD, Charles Marmar, MD, Christopher Lo, PhD. Funding period: February 2017-January 2020. Amount awarded: \$294,000 (3 years)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

*Asterisk indicates when author is also presenter

Fitzgibbon K, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Hannon B, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. Emotion and symptom-focused engagement (EASE): A multi-site randomized controlled trial of an intervention for individuals with acute leukemia. The 12th World Research Congress of the EAPC 2022. May 2022; Online.

Nanos S, **Malfitano C**, and Rodin G. Narrowing the Frame to Manage Distress in Family Caregivers of Patients with Acute Leukemia: A Grounded Theory Study. The 17th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care. October 2021; Online.

Malfitano C*, Caruso R, Grassi L, Nanos S, Rydall A, Jibb L, Alexander S, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. The Trauma of Acute Leukemia for Family Caregivers: A Grounded Theory Study. The 17th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care. October 2021; Online.

Malfitano C*, Caruso R, Nissim R, Rydall A, Patterson A, Zimmermann C, and Rodin G. Traumatic stress in family caregivers of individuals newly diagnosed with acute leukemia: a grounded theory study. The 22nd world congress of psycho-oncology and psychosocial academy. May 2021; Kyoto, Japan.

Benites AC, dos Santos MA, Pereira LF, **Malfitano C**, Rodin G. Psychological interventions for patients with advanced cancer and their family caregivers in Brazil: A scoping review and considerations for future implementation of CALM therapy. Palliative Care, Culture, and the Clinic Symposium. January 2021; Online

Chalklin L, Mah K, **Malfitano C**, Rodin G, Mwangi Powell F, Powell RA. Cross-cultural Evaluation of the Quality of Dying and Death Questionnaire with Caregivers of Advanced Cancer Patients in Kenya. 16TH world congress of the European Association for Palliative Care; May 2019; Berlin, Germany.

de Vries F, Hafkamp E, Aukema E, Reyners A, **Malfitano C**, Rodin G, van de Poll L. Implementation of CALM in Dutch Cancer Care settings. 21th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology; September 2019; Banff, Canada.

Malfitano C*, Mah K, Powell RA, Gikaara N, Chalklin L, Hales S, Rydall A, Zimmermann C, Mwangi-Powell FN, Rodin G. Evaluation of the Quality of Dying and Death Questionnaire in Kenya. Barrie Rose Research Day in Palliative Medicine; May 2019; Toronto, Canada.

Rodin G, **Malfitano C***, Rydall A, Schimmer A, Marmar C, Mah K, Lo C, Nissim R, Zimmermann C. Barrie Rose Research Day in Palliative Medicine; Emotion and symptom focused engagement (EASE): an integrated psychosocial and palliative care intervention for individuals with acute leukemia. May 2019; Toronto, Canada.

Rodin G, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Schimmer A, Marmar C, Mah K, Lo C, Nissim R, Zimmermann C. Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): A randomized phase II trial of an integrated psychological and palliative care intervention for patients with acute leukemia. 16th world congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC); May 2019; Berlin, Germany.

Tricou C, Mah K, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Schimmer AD, Rodin G, Zimmermann C. Preliminary validation of the Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale – Acute Leukemia (ESAS-AL) in patients with acute leukemia (AL). American Society of Clinical Oncology, Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium; November 2018; San Diego, United States of America.

Bauereiß N, Rodin G, **Malfitano C**, Baumeister H. iCALM – Design einer randomisiert-kontrollierten Pilot studie zur Evaluation einer internet- und mobil-basierten Intervention für Menschen mit fortgeschrittener Tumorerkrankung. The 2018 European society for medical oncology congress; October 2018; Munich, Germany.

Rodin G, **Malfitano C***, Rydall A, Schimmer A, Marmar CM, Lo C, Mah K, Nissim R, Zimmermann C. Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): proposed multi-center randomized controlled trial (RCT) of an integrated psychological and palliative care intervention for patients with acute leukemia (AL). Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology; May 2018; Toronto, Canada.

Krejci V, **Malfitano C**, Shnall J, deGroot J. Relationships: an Antidote to Resident Disengagement from Academic Medicine. Canadian Conference on Medical Education; April 2018; Halifax, Canada.

Chalklin L, **Malfitano C**, Powell R, Gikaara N, Lee L, Doherty C, Fernandes S, Hales S, Zimmermann C and Rodin G. The Quality of Dying and Death in Hospice Care in Kenya. Toronto Global Cancer Control Conference; March 2018; Toronto, Canada.

Rodin G, **Malfitano C***, Rydall A, Lo C, Schimmer A, Marmar C, Zimmermann C. Emotion And Symptom-Focused Engagement (EASE): An intervention for individuals with acute leukemia (AL). 19th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology; August 2017; Berlin, Germany.

Rodin G, **Malfitano C***, Rydall A, Lo C, Schimmer A, Marmar C, Zimmermann C. Emotion and Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): A randomized pilot trial of an integrated psychosocial and palliative care intervention for individuals with acute leukemia (AL). American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting; June 2017; Chicago, United States of America.

Rodin G, Lo C, Rydall A, Nissim R, **Malfitano C**, Shnall J, Zimmermann C, Hales S. Managing cancer and living meaningfully (CALM): A randomized controlled trial of a psychological intervention for patients with advanced cancer. American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting; June 2017; Chicago, United States of America

Rodin G, **Malfitano C**, Rydall A, Lo C, Schimmer A, Marmar C, Zimmermann C. Emotion and Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): Feasibility and preliminary efficacy of an intervention for individuals with acute leukemia (AL). Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer and International Society of Oral Oncology 2017 Annual Meeting; June 2017; Washington, United States of America.

Rodin G, Lo C, Rydall A, Nissim R, **Malfitano C**, Shnall J, Zimmermann C, Hales S. Managing cancer and living meaningfully (CALM): An RCT of a psychological intervention for patients with advanced cancer. Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer and International Society of Oral Oncology 2017 Annual Meeting; June 2017; Washington, United States of America.

Malfitano C*, Rydall A, Murphy-Kane P, McGuigan K, Brown J, Cameron C, and Rodin G. Emotion And Symptom-focused Engagement (EASE): An intervention for individuals with acute leukemia. The 6th international seminar of the European Palliative Care Research Centre (PCR) and the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) Research Network; December 2016; Banff, Canada.

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