

*Notes regarding Sean Morrison:*

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Co-authored pro-assisted suicide article: "Survey of PAS and Euthanasia" in NEJM by Meier, Quill, Morrison and Cassel.

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Morrison commenting on Terri Schiavo (NY Times 3/25/05):

*Evoking concepts like starvation is especially powerful, said Dr. Sean Morrison, a professor of geriatrics and palliative care at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, because "we are so familiar with what it feels like to be hungry" and have experienced the heartbreak of images from famine-ravaged regions.*

*But in fact, Dr. Morrison said, removing a feeding tube for a patient in a persistent vegetative state, which the courts have determined Ms. Schiavo is in, based on scientific evidence, is vastly different from a conscious person's being refused meals.*

*"No one is denying this woman food and water," Dr. Morrison said. People in a persistent vegetative state, he said, "have no knowledge of food."*

*"They don't recognize food," he continued. "If you put food in their mouth, it would sit there until they took a breath, and then that food would go down into the lungs."*

*Withdrawal of nutrition is a common method for ending life, and many terminally ill patients choose that course, Dr. Morrison said.*

*"I have never had a patient who has stopped eating and drinking who has expressed that they are hungry," he added.*

*Selected events:*

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1995 Soros/Open Society Institute Faculty Scholar – Project on Death in America

1998 co-authored "Survey of PAS and Euthanasia" in *New England Journal of Medicine*. Meier, Quill, Morrison and Cassel. (regarded as landmark pro-assisted suicide article)

<http://www.nejm.org/doi/pdf/10.1056/NEJM199804233381706> AND  
<http://www.cmwf.org/publist/quarterly/spr98qtr.asp?link=6> AND <http://www.afsp.org/about/meier.htm>

1998 Mt. Sinai in NYC, Franklin Health in NJ, and Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina team up for a Promoting Excellence project: "Integrating Case Management and Palliative Care". Patients who "generally do not see themselves as dying."

<http://www.mywhatever.com/cifwriter/content/41/pe1252.html>

2000 *On Our Own Terms* -- with Bill Moyers

<http://www.rwjf.org/reports/grr/038858.htm>

2003 NHPCO Research Conclave: "One of the primary purposes of the conclave was to identify priorities for research funding that NHPCO can support. NHPCO intends to advocate with Congress, the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration..."

<http://web.archive.org/web/20040407114628/http://www.nhpco.org/files/public/2003ResearchConclaveTranscript.pdf>

2004 NIH State-of-the-Science Conference on Improving End-of-Life Care

<http://consensus.nih.gov/ta/024/endoflifeintro.html> VIDEO ONLINE: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NewsAndInformation/PodCastMultimedia/>

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 SUMMARY: <http://www.ninr.nih.gov/NR/rdonlyres/948BED75-1790-41CA-8CD1-510EC29853AC/5056/2004EndOfLifeCareSOS024PDF.pdf>
- 2008 Co-author of "Cost Savings Associated with US Hospital Palliative Care" programs .. Morrison, Meier, Spragens et al in Arch Internal Med: "reduction in direct hospital costs of \$5000 per admission (\$374 per day) for patients who died."  
 Morrison, Penrod, Cassel, Caust-Ellenbogen, Litke, Spragens, Meier. Arch Intern Med, Sep 2008; 168: 1783 - 1790
- 2009 Hospice & Palliative Care Coalition produce "Improving Quality, Reducing Cost through Increased Access to Palliative Care: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM" Meier, Campbell, Keyserling, and Morrison.  
[http://www.mass.gov/lhqcc/docs/expert\\_panel/Palliative\\_Care\\_Coalition\\_Policy\\_Recommendations.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/lhqcc/docs/expert_panel/Palliative_Care_Coalition_Policy_Recommendations.pdf)
- 2010 Palliative Care Research Cooperative: Meeting held at U of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus to plan structure and strategy for what would become PCRC. Abernethy, Kutner, Morrison, Pornenoy, Pantilat  
<http://dukespace.lib.duke.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/10161/3239/285295100004.pdf?sequence=1>
- 2010 EAPC – 6th EAPC research congress - Glasgow, UK -10 -12 June 2010, Sean Morrison on collaboration. Also Teno, Bruera, Declan Walsh, Casarett, Abernethy, Bullock  
<http://www.eapcnet.eu/Corporate/Events/Researchpastcongresses/2010Glasgowreport/pptpresentations/tabid/752/Default.aspx>
- 2010 "A Strategy to Advance the Evidence Base in Palliative Medicine: Formation of a Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group." Pantilat, Abernethy, Cleeland, Hanson, Otis-Green, Morrison. Journal of Palliative Medicine  
 "A Strategy to Advance the Evidence Base in Palliative Medicine: Formation of a Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group." J Palliat Med 13, no. 12 (December 1, 2010): 1407-13.
- 2011 Long Term Quality Alliance / Brookings Meeting: Care coordination, transition management, palliative care. "To establish agreement on a core set of measures for submission to NQF . . .to finalize this measurement bundle..."  
<http://www.ltqa.org/2011-03-01-ltqabrookings-meeting.html> AND  
<http://www.ltqa.org/wp-content/themes/ltqaMain/custom/images/Brookings-LTQA-3-11-Agenda1.doc>
- 2011 FIRST NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE SUMMIT - CO-LOCATED WITH ELEVENTH POPULATION HEALTH AND CARE COORDINATION COLLOQUIUM  
<http://www.palliativecaresummit.com/agenda/index.html#day1>
- 2013 National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care comments on Stage 3 Meaningful Use - letter to the Obama Administration's Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology. Recommends electronic POLST  
<http://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/PicView.aspx?ID=16> at  
<http://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?Title=Introduction%20to%20Advocacy>

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\$1,063,392.00	<b>National Institutes of Health (General heading)</b>
\$50,000.00	<b>(Estimated) Soros - Open Society Institute / Project on Death in America</b>
\$3,271,829.00	<b>US DHHS - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)</b>