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Emerging End of Life Rituals in Western Healthcare

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this lecture is online only

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An incursion into the intimate contexts of deathbed farewells, this lecture reveals how end-of-life rituals occur in hospitals today. I draw upon ethnographic research conducted in Quebec hospitals while following spiritual caregivers. Considering the significance of such rituals for dying patients and their loved ones, I will show how these ceremonies revive social bonds and create a sense of hope and continuity beyond death.

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