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Dr. Wright is an international lecturer, author, and consultant in family nursing and family therapy. She is also Professor Emeritus of Nursing, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada. Dr. Wright's clinical scholarship includes spirituality and suffering in the context of illness; the illness beliefs of individuals, families and health professionals; and family interventions that enhance healing.

Dr. Wright has authored Spirituality, Suffering, and Illness: Ideas for Healing (Trinity Model), 2005. In 2009, she co-authored Beliefs and Illness: A Model for Healing (Illness Beliefs Model) and Nurses and Families: A Guide to Family Assessment and Intervention (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) (Calgary Family Assessment and Intervention Models) Dr. Wright has written a total of eight books and 70 articles, chapters and book reviews.

Dr. Wright produced the educational DVD program "Spirituality, Suffering, and Illness: Conversations for Healing" and also co-produced five educational programs in the "How to Family Nursing" DVD series. ([www.familynursingresources.com](http://www.familynursingresources.com)).

Among her awards, she has been honoured with an Honorary Doctorate (2008) by the University of Montreal; the Distinguished Contribution to Family Nursing Award (2005) by the 7<sup>th</sup> International Family Nursing Conference and a Significant Contribution to Marriage and Family Therapy Award (1995) by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Research and Education Foundation.

## **Keynote Address**

**By**

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### **Beliefs and Illness: A Compelling Connection for Healing**

**Description:**

What we as health professionals believe about the cause, the prognosis, and how persons/families should respond to illness directly affects the very care that we offer. Serious illness and loss often invites suffering in individuals and families that is often not adequately addressed by health care providers due to their constraining beliefs.

This keynote will address how we as health professionals can challenge our constraining beliefs about illness experiences of those we care for and invite more facilitating beliefs that will promote healing in individuals and families. Very specific microskills will be presented that enable health professionals to bring forth the most caring and compassionate clinical practice.