AACP Annual Meeting – 2017
Death Over Dinner Discussion Prompts

List key differences between how people die today and how people died 100 years ago.

Discuss the gap between what people say they want regarding end-of-life care and what they actually receive.

Describe characteristics of a "good" death versus a "hard" or difficult death.

List common barriers to having "the conversation" about end of life care wishes with people you are close to AND with clients.

Why is it important for clinicians to be comfortable talking about death?

Do you think observing a death is an important part of clinical training?

Discuss common barriers to patients fully understanding their end of life care options.

Identify terminology (words to use) to replace potentially problematic words and phrases commonly used in end of life care discussions (see list).

What steps can you take now or in the near future to help change a culture in which people do not talk about death to one in which they do?