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Location: Zoom (*RSVP for link*)

4:30pm- 6:00pm EST

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Communicating with the Ill Child and Their Families: Lessons Learned from 20 years in Child Life

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In this presentation, Michael will delve into a number of considerations to take when communicating with hospitalized children and their families. Emphasis will be placed on the importance of building rapport and creating a space in which opportunities for self-expression are encouraged. Michael will touch on his delicate work as a Certified Child Life Specialist, where he often plays the role of truth teller. He'll share the value of working as part of a team in the unique confines of a children's hospital, while respecting the power of hope, grace, and dignity. He'll also discuss the concept of family centered care in action.



Michael Attard, MA, CCLS, is a Certified Child Life Specialist working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Units at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. He has over 20 years of full-time clinical experience on the front lines providing Child Life services to patients and families in children's hospitals throughout the United States. Michael holds a Masters of Arts degree from Stony Brook University with an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Coaching. He also received his Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree from Arizona State University.