



June 2009 Hospice News Hospice Program Airs on Somali Cable



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From May 22-June 26, 2009, Somalis throughout Minnesota can learn about culturally respectful end-of-life care. A one-hour program on Somali cable television features presenters Dr. Osman Ahmed (East African Health Project) and Imam Sharif Abdirahman (Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Civic Center) on the compatibility of hospice care and Muslim cultural practices. The program is hosted by Abdimalik Askar of Somali Media. It airs on Somali cable channel 15-SPPN (Saint Paul) and channel 16-MTN (Minneapolis).

This Somali language program focuses on key questions such as “What is hospice? Who provides hospice care? How is hospice different from other health care? Where does care take place? What if I need an interpreter? What happens if I get better?” A question /answer section with dial-in Somali community callers is also included.

The Somali community will also be able to watch the program in a streaming link from the Hospice Minnesota website. This will give Somali physicians, nurses, community health workers and other professionals – as well as the greater Somali public – the opportunity for ongoing education on this important health care issue.

This unique cable program is produced in a partnership with Hospice Minnesota, Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Civic Center, East Africa Health Project and Somali Media. Grant funds from the Stevens Square Foundation make this important education program a reality.

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