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Skillful communication is imperative to the practice of pediatric oncology and pediatric palliative care. Clear, empathic, and individualized communication facilitates trust- and relationship-building between clinicians, patients, and families, encourages shared decision-making, and affords clinicians a valuable opportunity to integrate goals of care and quality of life into the holistic management plan. In the context of incurable illness, conversation also may serve as a therapeutic intervention itself, enabling clinicians to reframe hope, alleviate suffering, and mitigate complicated bereavement. Moreover, good communication promotes collaborative interdisciplinary care coordination and continuity, enabling the provision of services, resources, and support across various care locations and throughout the illness trajectory. The importance of providing excellent communication to the families of children with high-risk cancer and other life-threatening illnesses has been emphasized by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Institute of Medicine, multiple national oncology societies, and experts in pediatric oncology and palliative care. This session will discuss the benefits of providing effective communication at the intersection of pediatric oncology and palliative care and review strategies for achieving high quality communication between clinicians, patients, and families across a spectrum of challenging clinical scenarios. This session will also highlight common barriers to effective communication and offers strategies to overcome potential roadblocks, incorporating recommendations from a diverse interdisciplinary team of pediatric palliative care experts.