

Lori Hartwell's Speech Topics

Communicating with Healthcare Professionals

A Patient's Journey

This speech is a metaphor to the all time favorite movie, "*The Wizard of Oz.*" Using personal stories, Ms. Hartwell recreates this classic tale and acknowledges the healthcare professionals that helped her find her heart, brain and courage as a chronically ill patient. She shares solid wisdom and concrete advice on specific ways for patients and professionals to communicate more effectively with each other. A powerful and entertaining presentation.

Target Audience: medical professionals

This speech is ideal for keynote presentation

Strategies to Help Patients Comply

This speech describes how to better communicate with patients so you will maximize compliance. The presentation has cartoons, personal stories and anecdotes and is delivered with a humorous, inspiration style.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Breakout Session

Promoting Patient Participation in the Dialysis Setting

This speech describes how to help patients become involved in their treatment/healthcare. It emphasizes strategies for healthcare professionals to assist patients in reaching their full potential.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Breakout Session

How to be Chronically Happy

Living with kidney disease for 33 years has taught Lori that adversity introduces you to yourself. How do you not become resentful? How do you make the most out of the hand you've been dealt? Lori reveals how she has achieved a joyful life - in spite of having to cope with the many challenges a chronic illness can bring.

Target Audience: medical professionals, patients and/or family members

Chronically Happy, Damn It!

Is the glass half-empty or half-full? Life is largely about perception. As Ms. Hartwell says, "If I focused on everything that was wrong with me medically, I wouldn't get out of bed in the morning." Lori talks about the emotions that patients experience and how anger, when properly channeled, can be a great motivator. This speech sheds light on some of the darkness and depression patients face and can also help professionals learn tools for anger management.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Breakout Session

Past, Present and Future of Kidney Disease

This presentation will inform medical professionals of the history of treatment of chronic renal failure in the United States, explain where we are now in renal healthcare, and what the future holds. This presentation is designed to motivate and educate the renal care professional that anything is possible as long as you never give up hope.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Fostering Success in the Dialysis Facility

What makes a successful dialysis unit? Lori shares the wisdom she has learned from her own experiences. One of her unique advantages is she has traveled to over 500 dialysis facilities in 30 different states. In this presentation she will deliver the key elements she has observed of how to cultivate success in the dialysis environment to make it as pleasant as possible for the patient.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Motivating, Educating and Supporting Patients: A Look at iKidney.com and Evolving Resources

This presentation takes a look at how to motivate, educate and support the renal patient. As publisher and editor of iKidney.com, Lori will take you on a virtual tour and demonstrates how the renal care professional can use this site to benefit their patients.

Target Audience: medical professionals

Organ Donation: Myth or Fact?"

An inspiring talk on the importance of organ donation and the facts of how transplantation saves people's lives. Lori shares the "pros and cons" of receiving a kidney transplant. The *Gift of Life* proves that anything is possible with today's advanced technology and it will touch your heart and evoke a myriad of emotions.

Target Audience: medical professionals, patients and family members

Breakout Session

Intimacy - Finding a Loving Relationship with Kidney Disease

There is a message that desperately needs to be delivered to people who live with kidney disease -- that they are not damaged in any way or form. This heartfelt speech describes how to discover the beauty within, while battling the "unknown" an illness can bring.

Target Audience: patients and/or family members

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