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Eleventh Annual *Living With Grief*<sup>®</sup> Teleconference

# Living With Grief: Alzheimer's Disease

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1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
School of Nursing, Room 1230

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- "Grief is the constant yet hidden companion of Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias.
- Grief can arise when an individual in the early stages of the disease fearfully encounters the symptoms and anticipates the losses that the disease entails.
- Grief will certainly be experienced by family members as they view the slow deterioration in the memory and even the being of the person they love.
- Grief will increase as family members see, from that decline, a stranger emerge: a stranger who needs unceasing care."

Kenneth J. Doka PhD, MDiv, Professor of Gerontology, Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle

**Moderator:**

***Cokie Roberts, ABC News correspondent***

**Featured Panel:** Kenneth J. Doka, PhD., MDiv; Parag Dalsania, MD, Jack D. Gordon, HFA Chairman & CEO; Lisa P. Gwyther, MSW, LCSW; William Haley, PhD; Richard Ham, MD, Lin Noyes, PhD, RN, Therese A. Rando, PhD

This expert panel will discuss what is known medically about the diagnosis, progression, and treatment of the disease; explore some innovative programs for patients and caregivers coping with Alzheimer's; focus on the particular grief issues that patients and families face during the course of this illness; and examine the challenges and opportunities that Alzheimer's disease presents to clinicians, caregivers, hospice workers, and policy advocates. The panel also will discuss dementias other than Alzheimer's.

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