ASCENT

Advancing the Science of Palliative Care Across the Lifespan

# News and Announcements

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## Important Updates

Spring has been a busy and exciting time for ASCENT, with several programs and awards launching, and new resources becoming available.

- The second RFA cycle for the Research Scholar Award and Pilot & Exploratory Studies Award opens soon.
- Visit our website for recently updated webpages, including the **Announcements & News**, **ASCENT Investigator in Residence 2026 Fellows**, Population-Based Data Core's **Tip Sheet**, an **Institutions Map**, and **Administrative Staff Page**.
- Be sure to follow us on LinkedIn!

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## ASCENT Lab

The ASCENT Lab, which is available to anyone seeking support for palliative care research projects, continues to be an available resource. We encourage you to schedule your consultations in advance. Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

*"The consultations were very informative; they have been integral in improving the direction of our project. We really benefitted from the*

## TCNtalks — Anatomy of Leadership

On April 4, Contact Principal Investigator of the ASCENT Consortium, Dr. Jean Kutner, appeared on an episode of TCNtalks/Anatomy of Leadership to discuss with Chris Comeaux how the ASCENT Consortium's work will transform palliative care research across the lifespan. Click below to tune in:

**Part 1**

**Part 2**

## ASCENT Biostatistics Learning Network (ABLN)

On May 5, ABLN hosted their first virtual presentation: *Top Statistical Challenges in Serious Illness Research*. The ABLN plans on hosting these webinars quarterly. Be on the lookout for announcements and

*conversations and feedback." -- ASCENT Lab User*

Please review our updated **Consultation Process Policies** prior to booking.

**Book Here**

opportunities to sign up to attend.

**View the Recording**

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**The ASCENT Consortium is proud to announce the recipients of the Investigator in Residence Program for 2026. Please give them a warm welcome!**




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