



## In Conversation with Dr Toni Miles:

Bereavement Care with a Specific Focus on  
Residents, Families, and Staff

Professor of Epidemiology, University of Georgia

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Greetings,

COVID-19 has caused such devastation on a global scale, that the amount of grief and bereavement caused is immeasurable. Bereavement can have a devastating impact on an older person's immune system. The extreme distress has been associated with increased risk of chronic diseases, cancer, depression, anxiety, and suicidality. Resulting in higher rates of hospitalisation and a poorer quality of life, bereavement among older persons must be viewed as a public health concern.

Ageism is prevalent even during bereavement, with suggestions that the older person should be "used to it" and hence feel emotions less intensely. Loss is a powerful experience at any phase in the life course, and for older people especially, the bereavement process can be hazardous.

Dr. Toni Miles brings to this conversation her crucial work in the area of bereavement care and its effect on population health to address findings from her work, gaps in policy, and recommendations.

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7:00-8:00 am (Eastern Time)

Opening Remarks: Dr Toni Miles  
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