

The Annual Assembly of

**American Academy of Hospice
and Palliative Medicine**

& Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

Annual Assembly



March 25–28, 2009

Austin Convention Center • Austin, TX

About the 2009 AAHPM and HPNA Annual Assembly

Intended Audience

The Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is designed for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers interested in acquiring, maintaining, or expanding the skills needed to care for patients with terminal illnesses.

Purpose

As leaders in promoting excellence in hospice and palliative care, AAHPM and HPNA combine their expertise to advance the field, thus meeting the joint goal of improving the quality of life for patients and families facing serious or life-threatening conditions through education.

Objectives

- Translate comprehension of the clinical and scientific basis of advanced disease processes, symptoms, and symptom management into improved patient care.
- Assess patient pain and other symptoms and side effects, and recommend a care plan based upon the best available evidence.
- Identify psychological, spiritual, social, and cultural aspects of patient care, and integrate support of those aspects of patient care into an overall plan of care.
- Develop patient plans of care that incorporate interdisciplinary assessments and symptom management across all domains of care that are ultimately based on the expressed values, goals, and needs of the patient and family.
- Apply effective communication principles with patients, families, and interdisciplinary teams.
- Identify ethical and legal concerns related to hospice and palliative care.
- Discuss the effective strategies and challenges for the delivery of hospice and palliative care in diverse settings.
- Identify new contacts for future collaboration.
- Facilitate future research in hospice and palliative care.
- Experience renewed vigor and enthusiasm personally and professionally.

Program Planning Committee Chairs



Daniel Fischberg, MD PhD
The Queen's Medical Center



Maryjo Prince-Paul, PhD APRN BC-PCM
Case Western Reserve University

Schedule at a Glance

Tuesday, March 24

5–7 pm
Registration

Wednesday, March 25

7 am–6 pm
Registration

8 am–5 pm
AAHPM & HPNA
Preconference Workshops

5:30–7:30 pm
Opening Reception with
Exhibits & Posters

6–10 pm
AAHPM Preconference
Workshop

Thursday, March 26

7 am–4:30 pm
Registration

7–8 am
Coffee, Juice, & Morning Snack
with Exhibits & Posters

7–7:45 am
HPNA Chapter Meetings

8–9:45 am
Opening Plenary Session

10–11 am
Concurrent & Rounding
with the Stars Sessions

11–11:30 am
Break with Exhibits & Posters

11:30 am–12:30 pm
Paper Sessions

12:45–2:15 pm
Lunch Available for Purchase
with Exhibits & Posters

12:50–2:05 pm
Award Presentation Luncheon
NBCHPN Certification Luncheon

2:25–3:25 pm
SIG Symposia

3:35–4:35 pm
Concurrent Sessions

4:30–6:30 pm
Poster Session & Job Fair
with Exhibits

4:45–5:30 pm
AAHPM SIG Meetings
HPNA SIG Meeting

Friday, March 27

7 am–5 pm
Registration

7–8 am
Coffee, Juice, & Morning Snack
with Exhibits & Posters

8–9:45 am
Plenary Session

9:45–10:15 am
Break with Exhibits & Posters

10:15–11:15 am
Concurrent Sessions

11:30 am–12:30 pm
AAHPM Business Meeting
HPNA Business Meeting

12:50–2:05 pm
Award Presentation Luncheon

2:20–3:20 pm
Paper Sessions

3:30–4:30 pm
Concurrent Sessions

4:45–5:30 pm
AAHPM SIG Meetings
HPNA SIG Meeting

6–7 pm
Service of Remembrance and
Celebration

7:30–8:30 pm
Rounding with the Stars Session

Saturday, March 28

7 am–3 pm
Registration

7:30–8:30 am
Coffee, Juice, & Morning Snack

7:30–8:15 am
AAHPM SIG Meetings
HPNA SIG Meeting

8:30–9:45 am
State of the Science

10–11 am
Concurrent & Rounding with the
Stars Sessions

11:15 am–12:15 pm
Concurrent Sessions

1:45–2:45 pm
Concurrent & Rounding with the
Stars Sessions

3–4:30 pm
Closing Plenary Session

What's New This Year?

Rounding with the Stars

These 1-hour, interactive, interdisciplinary, clinical, case-based discussions are facilitated by two interdisciplinary leaders in hospice and palliative care. These learning sessions will involve one or more case scenarios that will be presented for discussion. The goal is to facilitate active learning through audience participation and dialogue. Rounding with the Stars was developed to stimulate interdisciplinary interaction that helps achieve the patient and family goals of care. Each participant is a star in the constellation of whole person care.

A Place to Reflect

Visit Brush Square across the street from the Austin Convention Center, the Hilton, and the Courtyard by Marriott/Residence Inn to take a break from conference activities and attend to your own needs for quiet time. We encourage you to care for yourself as well as you care for and serve others. Reflect on the meaning of your work, the gifts that you bring to each day, and what sustains you in your career and in your life.

International Palliative Care Leader Dr. Faith Mwangi-Powell

Come listen and learn from international palliative care leader Dr. Faith Mwangi-Powell, executive director of the African Palliative Care Association, on her work to nationalize palliative medicine throughout Africa, at the plenary session Friday, March 27.

Green Initiatives

Help support the green initiatives we have introduced to the Annual Assembly, including online registration, optional tote bags, an online program book, online speaker handouts, name badge holder recycling, reusable water bottles, food waste reduction, donation of unused materials to local communities, and more. AAHPM and HPNA are taking steps in a greener direction to reduce our carbon footprint and tread lightly on the earth we all share.

Special Interest Group Symposia

The 2009 Annual Assembly of AAHPM and HPNA features eight 1-hour Special Interest Group (SIG) Symposia. Sessions have been set aside to allow SIGs to highlight issues of particular relevance to their practice and to give attendees the opportunity to explore their own interests in these diverse practice areas; several of these sessions are collaborative efforts between SIGs from both AAHPM and HPNA.



AAHPM Preconference Workshops

To register for these AAHPM preconference events, please fill out Box C on the registration form. Space is limited, so register early. **Preregistration is required for all preconference workshops.** Morning workshops include coffee, juice, and a morning snack. Afternoon workshops include a break.



Wednesday, March 25

8 am–5 pm

Hospice Medical Director Course—Module C: Administrative Issues and Challenges (P1)

In this increasingly regulated environment, the hospice medical director faces numerous clinical, regulatory, and administrative challenges. This session will include presentations and interactive sessions on budgeting, billing and reimbursement, pharmacy management, and optimizing your performance. This is the administrative module of AAHPM's three-part core curriculum for hospice medical directors.

Fee: \$200

CPC Social Worker Workshop (P11)

Coordinator: Gary Stein, JD MSW, Wurzelweil School of Social Work, Yeshiva University

Social work leaders in palliative care need a range of skills to develop successful careers. This preconference workshop, sponsored by the College of Palliative Care, is intended to help participants develop leadership skills necessary to advance their careers and further the field of palliative care. The workshop will focus on defining and communicating career goals and structuring successful mentoring relationships, as well as other topics specific to this discipline. This workshop is intended for social work faculty and practitioners interested in palliative care. More detailed information on the individual workshops and faculty is available on the AAHPM Web site at www.aahpm.org.

No fee. Funding provided by the College of Palliative Care.

8 am–Noon

Practical Approaches to Palliative Wound Care (P2)

Frank D. Ferris, MD

Rosene D. Pirrello, RPh

San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine

Pressure ulcers, malignancies, and other chronic wounds have relatively high prevalence in patients with advanced life-threatening illnesses. Both the wound and the sense of being wounded can cause considerable suffering for patients, families, caregivers, and members of the healthcare team. During this interactive, hands-on workshop, the presenters will discuss recent prevalence data from their hospice, guide participants through the underlying pathophysiology of chronic healable and non-healable wounds, and use clinical cases to discuss effective approaches to wound assessment and management based on the state-of-the-art wound care literature. Discussion will also include the underlying pathophysiology of each of these symptoms and case-based approaches to their assessment and management, including the use of both systemic and topical antibiotics, analgesics, and anesthetics.

Fee: \$95

Communication Skills for Transitions in Goals of Care (P3)

Anthony Back, MD, University of Washington

Robert Arnold, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

James A. Tulsy, MD, Duke University Medical Center

Walter Baile, MD, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

Talking to a patient and his or her family about shifting goals of care from disease-modifying therapy to a focus on comfort requires a foundational set of communication skills. This session will review a teaching model for complex communication skills based on empirical studies, including behavioral outcome studies, and will show that this method is associated with the acquisition of new skills. Although these skills are critical for clinical excellence in palliative care, the teaching skills required have not been disseminated. This preconference workshop will introduce Oncotalk, an approach that teaches a cognitive roadmap to the conversation, which will be followed by intensive mentored skills practice.

Fee: \$95

Ethics Skills Building Workshop (P4)

Gregg K. Vandekieft, MD MA, Providence St. Peter Hospital and Providence Hospice

Alison E. Krause, MD MA, Wellstar Community Hospice Care

Craig D. Blinderman, MD MA, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital

Solomon Liao, MD FAAHPM, University of California–Irvine

Kathy L. Biersack, MD, Visiting Nurse Service of New York Hospice

Rachelle Bernacki, MD MS, University of California–San Francisco

This skill-building workshop is intended for palliative care clinicians serving on ethics committees, with a focus on clinical ethics consultations. A corollary benefit will be enhanced skills at addressing ethical dilemmas in one's clinical work as a palliative care professional. A didactic overview will cover fundamental bioethics principles and concepts. An interactive format, including a simulated ethics consultation team, will demonstrate core competencies for ethics consultations and develop skills in ethical case analysis using a standard systematic approach. Time will be allotted for an interdisciplinary panel to address workshop participants' specific questions.

Fee: \$95

Grief and Its Multifaceted Nature: A Clinical- and Skill-Oriented Workshop (P5)

E. Alessandra Strada, PhD, Beth Israel Medical Center

VJ Periyakoil, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine and VA Palo Alto Health Care System

This interactive, interdisciplinary, skill-oriented, and case-based workshop will review the most current evidence-based research on assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of grief in the context of a serious or life-limiting illness. Grief is a central experience in the lives of patients and family members who are receiving hospice and palliative care; therefore, it is essential to understand the factors that can facilitate or complicate the grieving process. The literature shows that complicated grievers are at higher risk for suicidal behavior, psychopathology, and physical illness, making this topic relevant to the field of palliative care. In addition, hospice and palliative care patients may often experience symptoms of grief and/or depression, which providers need to expediently recognize, assess, and adequately treat. The session will include presentation and discussion of clinical cases, group activities, and role-play by the presenters, a clinical psychologist and a physician.

Fee: \$95

Creating Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Programs and Fellowships (P10)

Jeanne G. Lewandowski, MD FAAHPM, Detroit, MI

Marcia Levetown, MD, Houston, TX

This program is a collaborative effort of pediatric palliative care leaders designed to make pediatric palliative care more broadly available to the patients and families who can benefit from it. Specifically, strategies to develop programs within general community hospices as well as specialty pediatric palliative care will be presented, ranging from inpatient to home-based to comprehensive programs for children with palliative care needs. In addition, a panel of pediatric palliative medicine fellowship directors will discuss what is needed to develop pediatric fellowship training experiences for adult palliative medicine fellows and for pediatric subspecialists in palliative medicine.

Fee: \$95

1–5 pm

Hospice in Long-Term Care: Regulations, Ethics, Quality, and Collaboration (P6)

William D. Smucker, MD CMD, Summa Health System

Deidra R. Woods, MD CMD FAAHPM FACP, LifePath Hospice and Palliative Care

Ronald J. Crossno, MD FAAHPM, VistaCare

Howard Tuch, MD MS, The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast

Harold Bob, MD CMD, Seasons Hospice of Maryland

Forty percent of deaths in the United States occur in long-term care facilities (LTCFs). Despite evidence that hospice care improves outcomes for dying patients and their families, only 5% of dying LTCF patients receive hospice services. Optimal collaboration between hospice and LTCFs requires an understanding of the others' perspectives, needs, strengths, and limitations. Both providers must understand how to coordinate care plans. They must also recognize and resolve ethical and legal issues related to collaboration. Because growth of hospice services to LTCF patients has resulted in aggressive state and federal oversight of care delivery and a review of current and future spending on these services, all parties need to understand and respond to the potential liabilities of oversight and proposed changes in reimbursement.

Fee: \$95

Making It in a Man's World: A Leadership Boot Camp for Women in Health Care (P7)

VJ Periyakoil, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine and VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Susan D. Block, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital

Diane E. Meier, MD, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Betty Ferrell, PhD RN FAAN, City of Hope

Christine Ritchie, MD MSPH, University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative Care

Leadership has been defined as "the ability to inspire others to strive and enable them to accomplish great things." Good leadership is all about working collaboratively and knowing "when to step up and when to let others step up." Contrary to popular opinion, leadership is a state, not a trait, and is basically a set of skills that can be learned. This interactive, skill-oriented preconference session for women in the palliative care workforce will use a variety of learning techniques (minididactics, group brain storm, mini case studies, small-group role play, self-reflection, and self-assessment exercises) to explore the art and practice of leadership. Learners will have ample opportunity to interact with the content, their fellow learners, and the presenters and will hopefully leave the session with a set of tools and a practical roadmap to nurture the leader within.

Fee: \$95

AAHPM Preconference Workshops

Wednesday, March 25

1–5 pm

Advanced Pediatric Pain Management (P8)

Stefan J. Friedrichsdorf, MD, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

John J. Collins, PhD MBBS FRACP, The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Christine Gibbon, PhD LP, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

More than 15,000 children age 0 to 17 years die from life-limiting conditions each year in the United States. Data reveal the majority of those children suffer from pain during their last weeks of life. The management of intractable pain in children remains a challenge. This session will summarize the therapeutics of intractable pain; the management of breakthrough pain; the assessment of nonnociceptive sources of pain in the setting of refractory distress; psychotherapeutic interventions; integrative treatment modalities; practical considerations of adjuvant analgesia; and advanced pain management, including the administration of subanesthetic ketamine, low-dose propofol, and methadone. The second part of the workshop will use a small-group approach with case examples to apply advanced strategies in the management of intractable pain in the pediatric palliative care and hospice settings.

Fee: \$95

Translating Patients' Wishes into Medical Orders: THE POLST Paradigm (P9)

Alvin H. Moss, MD, West Virginia University

Susan W. Tolle, MD, Oregon Health & Science University

Susan Hickman, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University

Charles Sabatino, JD, American Bar Association

Patrick Dunn, MD, Oregon Health & Science University

It is generally recognized that the original concept of advance directives is flawed. In response to the difficulties with implementing advance directives, a new model, the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Paradigm, has been developed to effectively identify and respect patients' wishes for treatment at the end of life. This new model includes five key components: (1) advance care planning; (2) documentation on standardized forms; (3) timing staged to reflect a patient's health status; (4) systems and processes designed to facilitate use, including triggers of initiating the discussion about treatment wishes; and (5) quality improvement through ongoing data collection and evaluation. This session will describe the national initiative to institute the use of a POLST Paradigm document in all 50 states (www.POLST.org), present findings from a 50-state study of barriers to POLST Paradigm implementation in state laws, discuss recent research documenting the efficacy of the POLST Paradigm form in nursing home and hospice settings, and engage participants in a dialogue regarding how to implement a POLST Paradigm system in their state or region.

Fee: \$95

CPC Physician Workshop—Next Steps in Competency-Based Assessment for HPM Fellowship Training: Identifying Assessment Tools and Giving Specific Feedback (P12)

Laura J. Morrison, MD, Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital

Robert M. Arnold, MD, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

J. Andrew Billings, MD, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital

Susan D. Block, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Elise Carey, MD, Mayo Clinic—Rochester

Eva Chittenden, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

Sandra E. Sanchez-Reilly, MD, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and the GRECC, South Texas Veterans Health Care System

Rodney O. Tucker, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative Care

VJ Periyakoil, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine and VA Palo Alto Health Care System

As hospice and palliative medicine (HPM) fellowship programs move toward ACGME accreditation and a competency-based model, many implementation challenges continue. Faculty are expected to develop and implement a well-defined evaluation plan for competency assessment in all ACGME domains within a 12-month fellowship. The HPM Competencies Project Workgroup has recently completed its toolkit of proposed assessment methods. This workshop is designed for directors of active HPM fellowship programs and will introduce participants to the toolkit. Participants will have the opportunity to share current challenges and will be instructed on techniques for providing competency-based feedback to fellows with an opportunity to practice and receive feedback on these skills in small groups.

No fee. Funding provided by the College of Palliative Care.

6–10 pm

CPC Nurse Workshop—Cultivating Palliative Advanced Practice Nursing Through Mentoring (P13)

Todd Hultman, PhD APRN-BC ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

Lynn Ceronsky, MS GNP, University of Minnesota Medical Center

Constance Dahlin, MSN ANP RN ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

Sandra L. Muchka, MS RN APRN-BC ACHPN®, Medical College of Wisconsin

Peg Nelson, MSN APRN BC-PCM, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Edmund Phillip Pendleton, MSN ARNP FNP, The Palliative Care Center of the Hospice of the Bluegrass

The HPNA advanced practice mentoring program will be presented. The focus of this mentoring program is to develop clinical and administrative skills of advanced practice nurses through a model that provides both individualized and group mentoring experiences. Case studies that focus on professional issues, such as role definition, and on clinical issues, such as advanced symptom management, will be used to further discuss the role of an advanced practice nurse in palliative care.

No fee. Funding provided by the College of Palliative Care.



HPNA Preconference Workshops

For more information and to register for these sessions, contact HPNA at 412/787-9301 or visit www.hpna.org. Space is limited, so register early. Continuing education credit will be available for nurses, physicians, social workers, and pharmacists unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, March 25

8 am–5 pm

Generalist Clinical Review: Train-the-Trainer

Nancy L. Grandovic, MEd BSN RN, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

This 1-day workshop is for experienced hospice and palliative RNs who wish to become HPNA-Approved Educators. In a train-the-trainer format, participants will be taught facilitation skills to prepare them to teach the Clinical Review. Included with the course materials will be a copy of the *Core Curriculum, Study Guide*, and a CD-ROM with the Generalist Clinical Review. Participants must be members of HPNA. An application is required. For more information and an application, visit www.hpna.org or call the HPNA National Office at 412/787-9301.

Only CNE credit will be available for this session.

Fee: \$200

Withholding/Withdrawing Life-Sustaining Treatments

Peg Nelson, MSN APRN BC-PCM, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

Margaret L. Campbell, PhD RN ACHPN® FAAN, Detroit Receiving Hospital and Wayne State University

Christy Torkildson, MSN RN PHN, George Mark Children's House

As life-sustaining therapies have emerged, so have clinical, ethical, and legal concerns about the appropriate use of these treatments at the end of life. The therapies of artificial hydration and nutrition, mechanical ventilation, renal dialysis, cardiac devices, and life-supporting medications, as well as blood products, will all be discussed. Each topic will be presented as case vignettes to highlight the current evidence of benefits and burdens of the therapy, the ethical and legal considerations, and the clinical management of symptoms at the time of withdrawal. Cultural and pediatric implications will be addressed, as will the moral distress of the clinicians who are part of the process.

Fee: \$170

8 am–Noon

Through the Looking Glass: Making Sense of APN Billing

Constance Dahlin, MSN ANP RN ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

APN billing and reimbursement is complex because of the CMS rules and regulations. This workshop will review current topics in billing, reimbursement, and coding to assist APNs to effectively bill. APN billing and reimbursement, with its complexities, is an essential part of practice. Usually, there is no specific education on reimbursement, and skill acquisition occurs on the job. This session will outline the fundamentals of APN reimbursement in various settings. It will also provide an update of the CMS rules and regulations that guide a practice.

Fee: \$85

Precise Pharmacopalliation of Advanced Noncancer Illnesses

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD BPCS CDE, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

Michael J. LaPenta, MD DABHPM FAAFP, Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc.

Medications play a significant role in the palliation of symptoms associated with advanced illnesses. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss appropriate medication management in this context. The term “precise pharmacopalliation” is used to describe using just the right number and types of medications to effectively treat symptoms associated with end-stage cardiac, respiratory, neurologic, and other diseases. Participants will learn which medications to start, which to stop (and how), and how to select the most appropriate medications.

Fee: \$85

1–5 pm

Don't Panic! The CoPs Are Here! How to Be Sure You Are Ready

Janet Snapp, MSN RN OCN CHPN®

Susan G. Swinford, MSW

Hospice of the Bluegrass

This program will provide a broad overview of the new conditions of participation (CoPs), the interpretive guidelines, and some examples to ensure you are meeting the standards. A detailed overview of the connections between the initial assessment, comprehensive assessment, the plan of care, and the delivery of quality care will be examined. Participants will best benefit from this educational session by preparing themselves with a thorough review of the new conditions on the federal register. Bring a list of your questions to be sure they get addressed!

Fee: \$85

Initiating and Maintaining a Palliative Care Service for APNs

Patrick Coyne, MSN ACHPN® FAAN, Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University

Constance Dahlin, MSN ANP RN ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

Kerstin McSteen, ACHPN® BC-PCM, Abbott Northwestern Hospital

The APN nurse is a fundamental part of palliative service. This interactive workshop will discuss developing a palliative care service from its inception to an established service. The three phases of creating a program will be covered—developing, initiating, and sustaining a dynamic palliative care service. Business plans, job descriptions, design structure, marketing, policy development, determining outcome measures, and relationship building will be included. Bring your questions and issues and plan for stimulating interactive discussions.

Fee: \$85

Educational Sessions

Wednesday, March 25

5:30–7:30 pm

OPENING RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITS AND POSTERS

Thursday, March 26

7–7:45 am

HPNA CHAPTERS MEETING

8–9:45 am

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Palliative Care

Eric Cassell, MD MACP, Weill Medical College of Cornell University

Betty Ferrell, PhD RN FAAN, City of Hope

10–11 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

How to Be an Educated Consumer of the Hospice and Palliative Care Literature (300)

Melissa Carlson, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Implementation of a Home-Based Urban Palliative Care Consultation Team (PCCT) (301)

David I. Wollner, MD AGSF FACP

Anne F. Walsh, APRN-BC CWOCN

Brian M. Mandel, LCSW-R

Metropolitan Jewish Health System

PC-FACS: A Year in Review (302)

Amy P. Abernethy, MD FAAHPM, Duke University Medical Center

New Drugs and Drug News: The 411 and Implications for Palliative Care (303)

Mary L. McPherson, PharmD BCPS CDE, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

Autonomy Run Amok: Refashioning End-of-Life Decision Making (304)

J. Andrew Billings, MD, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital

Understanding the Treatment Options for Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (305)

F. Amos Bailey, MD FAAHPM, Birmingham VA Medical Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham

Laura G. Ferguson, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Christine Ritchie, MD MSPH, University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative Care

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ALS: Video Clips of Patients Communicating Their Palliative Care Needs and How to Develop an ALS Palliative Care Program to Meet Those Needs (306)

Gillian Hamilton, MD PhD

Betheny Rodden, RN

Natalie Rodden, BS

Hospice of the Valley

ROUNDING WITH THE STARS SESSION

Topic to Be Announced (307)

Charles von Gunten, MD PhD FAAHPM FACP, San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine

Patrick J. Coyne, MSN APRN FAAN, Massey Cancer Center, Virginia Commonwealth University

See Page 1 for a session description.

11:30 am–12:30 pm

PAPER SESSIONS

12:45–2:15 pm

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE WITH EXHIBITS AND POSTERS

12:50–2:05 pm

AWARD PRESENTATION LUNCHEON (LUNCH 2)

AAHPM PDIA National Leadership Award Presentation

Declan T. Walsh, MD MSc, Cleveland Clinic Foundation

AAHPM PDIA Community Leadership Award Presentation

Pallimed Founder and Contributors:

Drew Rosielle, MD, Medical College of Wisconsin

Christian T. Sinclair, MD, Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care

Thomas Quinn, APRN CHPN, Massachusetts General Hospital

Fee \$30

NBCHPN® CERTIFICATION LUNCHEON

See description on page 11.

2:25–3:25 pm

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG) SYMPOSIA

A Fulfilling Practice in Hospice and Palliative Medicine: How Do You Get There? (320)

Giovanni Elia, MD, San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine

Chemotherapy Near the End of Life: Helping Oncologists and Their Patients with Informed Decision Making (321)

Sarah Elizabeth Harrington, MD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Thomas J. Smith, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University

Patrick J. Coyne, MSN APRN FAAN, Virginia Commonwealth University

Amy M. Sullivan, EdD, Virginia Commonwealth University

Thursday, March 26

Educational Sessions

Controversies in Forgoing Artificial Nutrition and Hydration in Pediatric Palliative Care (322)

David M. Steinhorn, MD, Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University
Melody L. Hellsten, MS APRN-BC PNP, University of Texas Health Science Center—San Antonio
Joel E. Frader, MD, Children's Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University

Identifying Heart Failure Patients Appropriate for Palliative Care: Experience from the Trenches (323)

Sarah J. Goodlin, MD, Patient-Centered Education and Research
Tina L. Smusz, MD MSPH, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center
George Stark, MD, HospiceCare of Boulder and Broomfield Counties

Redefining Evidence-Based Research for Palliative Care (324)

Charles Sasser, MD FAAHPM FACP, Mercy Hospice of Horry County
Betty Ferrell, PhD RN FAAN, City of Hope
Shirley Otis-Green, MSW ACSW LCSW OSW-C, City of Hope
Joan Teno, MD MS, Brown University
Christina Puchalski, MD FACP, George Washington University Medical Center

Rural Hospice Update (325)

Michael E. Knowler, MD, Pioneer Memorial Hospice
Ronald J. Crossno, MD FAAHPM, VistaCare

Update on Palliative Care for Patients with HIV/AIDS: Inpatient, Outpatient, and International Perspectives (326)

Jessica Merlin, MD MBA, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Peter Selwyn, MD MPH, Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Rodney O. Tucker, MD, University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative Care
Liliana De Lima, MHA, International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care
Mimi Rivard, MSN APN, St. Vincent's Medical Center

Hospice and Palliative Care in the Skilled and Long-Term Care Communities: Challenges and Opportunities for MD and APN Providers (327)

Maryjo Letizia, PhD APN/ANP-BC, Loyola University
Deborah Way, MD, Hospice of Philadelphia
Amy Corcoran, MD, University of Pennsylvania

3:35–4:35 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Initiatives in Palliative Care (330)

Kathleen M. Foley, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
Mary Callaway, RN MME, International Palliative Care Initiative, Open Society Institute
Liliana De Lima, MHA, International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care
Karen Ryan, MA, University of Wisconsin—Madison

Implementing Florida's Federal Waiver Program—Partners in Care (331)

Kelly Cronin Komatz, MD MPH, University of Florida—Jacksonville
Terry Eason, RN CHPN, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida

Personality Disorders in Palliative Medicine: Tips for Working with Patients Who Have an Axis II Disorder (332)

Nathan E. Goldstein, MD
Ruth E. Geller, MD
Carol Stangby, LCSW
Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Pharmacologic Management of Neuropathic Pain in Patients with Advanced Illness (333)

Russell K. Portenoy, MD, Beth Israel Medical Center and The Jacob Perlow Hospice

When Pain Management Becomes Toxic: Recognizing, Diagnosing, and Treating Opioid Induced Neurotoxicity (334)

Jocelyn C. White, MD FAAHPM FACP
Adam Kendall, MD MPH
Legacy Health System

Working in the World of Chronic Kidney Disease: Where, Oh Where, Is Palliative Care? (335)

Charles V. Wellman, MD FAAHPM
Janice Scheufler, RPh PharmD FASCP
Hospice of the Western Reserve

Helping Clinical Leaders Become Effective Managers (336)

Lynn Spragens, MBA, Spragens and Associates, LLC

Case Conference I (337)

4:30–6:30 pm

POSTER SESSION

JOB FAIR IN EXHIBIT HALL

4:45–5:30 pm

AAHPM SIG MEETINGS

Ethics

Rural

Fellowship Directors Forum

Professionals in Training (PIT)

HPNA SIG MEETING

Domains of Quality Palliative Care

Sessions at the AAHPM and HPNA Annual Assembly will address all domains of quality palliative care as outlined in the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care*. The domains cover all aspects of care including the structure and processes; physical; psychological and psychiatric; social; spiritual, religious, and existential; cultural; the imminently dying patient; and ethical and legal issues.

Educational Sessions

Friday, March 27

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8–9:45 am

PLENARY SESSION

Palliative Care Development in Africa at a Glance

Faith Mwangi-Powell, PhD, African Palliative Care Association

Lisa's Story: The Other Shoe

Tom Batiuk

10:15–11:15 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

National Consensus Project (400)

Constance Dahlin, MSN ANP RN ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

How Sweet It Is! Management of Diabetes at End of Life (401)

Daniel Cogan, NP

Margery Kirsch, MS RN CDE

Visiting Nurse Service of New York Hospice Care

Evidence-Based Medicine and Research Challenges in Terminally Ill Patients (402)

Amy P. Abernethy, MD FAAHPM, Duke University Medical Center

Janet H. Bull, MD, Four Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care

Preventing Stress and Burnout in Palliative Care Providers: The Meaning of Self-Care (403)

E. Alessandra Strada, PhD, Beth Israel Medical Center

A Parallel Process of Palliative Care for the Medical Team and the Patient: From Consult Through Bereavement (404)

Marsha Joselow, MSW LICSW

Janet Duncan, MSN CPNP

Children's Hospital of Boston and The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Management of Pruritus in Hospice and Palliative Care (405)

Eric Prommer, MD, Mayo Clinic

Upstreaming Palliative and Hospice Care from the ED: The BriefPal Program (406)

Myra Glajchen, DSW, Beth Israel Medical Center

Case Conference II (407)

11:30 am–12:30 pm

AAHPM BUSINESS MEETING

HPNA BUSINESS MEETING

12:50–2:05 pm

AWARD PRESENTATION LUNCHEON (LUNCH 3)

PDIA National Nurses Leadership Award Presentation

Eileen Roberto, RN BA CHPN, Good Samaritan Hospital

PDIA National Social Work Award Presentation

Fee: \$30

2:20–3:20 pm

PAPER SESSIONS

3:30–4:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Collaboration Within and Outside Our Field: Outcomes of a Summit Meeting (420)

Judith C. Lentz, MSN RN NHA, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

Jane C. Sidwell, MSW RN CHPN, TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care

Kerstin McSteen, MS APRN-BC PCM NBCHPN, Abbott Northwestern Hospital

Margaret L. Campbell, PhD RN FAAN, Detroit Receiving Hospital

Special Considerations in the Palliative Care of Patients with Head and Neck Cancer (421)

Michael W. Rabow, MD, University of California–San Francisco

Bruce L. Miller, Jr., MD, University of California–San Francisco Division of Hospital Medicine

Promoting Palliative Care Education in Critical Care Settings (422)

Rose Virani, MHA RN OCN, City of Hope

Pam Malloy, MN RN OCN, American Association of College of Nursing

Constance Dahlin, MSN ANP RN ACHPN®, Massachusetts General Hospital

Palliative Patients with Past Traumatic Life Events: A Skill-Based Approach for Multidisciplinary Clinicians (423)

VJ Periyakoil, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine and VA Palo Alto Health Care System

CMS Action Update: Know the Issues, Risks, and Opportunities (424)

Diane Meier, MD, Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Lynn Spragens, MBA, Spragens and Associates, LLC

Citizen Values and Policy Preferences Related to Aging, Serious Illness, and Family Caregiving (425)

Ira Byock, MD FAAHPM

Yvonne Corbeil, RN

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Dartmouth Medical School

Does Breathing Equal Living? When Does Respiratory Care Become End-of-Life Care for Children and Adults with Neurodevelopmental Impairment? (426)

Julie M. Hauer, MD, University of Minnesota Children's Hospital

Janet Duncan, MSN CNP

Case Conference III (427)

Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28

4:45–5:30 pm

AAHPM SIG MEETINGS

Heart Failure

Humanities

Osteopathic

Pediatric

HPNA SIG MEETING

6–7 pm

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION

7:30–8:30 pm

ROUNDING WITH THE STARS SESSION

Geriatrics (430)

Christine Ritchie, MD MSPH, University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Palliative Care

Keela A. Herr, PhD RN FAAN, University of Iowa

See page 1 for a session description.

Saturday, March 28

7:30–8:15 am

AAHPM SIG MEETINGS

Long-Term Care

Program Chiefs

Cancer

HPNA SIG MEETING

8:30–9:45 am

STATE OF THE SCIENCE

Nathan E. Goldstein, MD, Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Wendy Gabrielle Anderson, MD MS, University of California–San Francisco

10–11 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Award for Excellence in Scientific Research in Palliative Care (500)

Vincent Mor, PhD, Brown University

The Relationship Between Control and the Consideration to Hasten Death (501)

Tracy A. Schroepfer, PhD, University of Wisconsin–Madison

The HPNA Research Agenda 2009–2012 (502)

Margaret L. Campbell, PhD RN FAAN, Detroit Receiving Hospital

Mary Elizabeth Happ, PhD RN, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

Margaret M. Mahon, PhD RN FAAN, George Mason University School of Nursing

Susan McMillan, PhD RN, University of South Florida College of Nursing

Barbara Raudonis, PhD RN, University of Texas–Arlington

Educational Sessions

Decoding Code Status Discussions (503)

Eva Chittenden, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

J. Andrew Billings, MD, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital

Can You Help Me Get to Sleep Tonight? Managing Insomnia in Palliative Care (504)

Jeffrey S. Alderman, MD, University of Oklahoma

A Butcher, A Baker, and Two Candlestick Makers: Evidence-Based Perspectives on Delirium Recognition, Work-Up, and Management From a Psychiatrist, a Pharmacist, and Two Palliative Medicine Specialists (505)

Scott A. Irwin, MD PhD

Rosene D. Pirrello, RPh

Gary T. Buckholz, MD

Frank D. Ferris, MD

San Diego Hospice and the Institute for Palliative Medicine

With Words, A Touch, A Look... Insight into Relational Communication in Advanced Illness (506)

Maryjo Prince-Paul, PhD APRN BC-PCM, Case Western Reserve University

Maureen Keeley, PhD, Texas State University

ROUNDING WITH THE STARS SESSION

Pediatrics (507)

Pamela Hinds, PhD RN FAAN, St. Jude Children's Hospital

Sarah Frieber, MD FAAHPM FACP, Akron Children's Hospital

See page 1 for a session description.

11:15 am–12:15 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Chronic Wounds at End of Life (510)

Aletha W. Tippett, MD, Hospice of Southwest Ohio

Methadone Boot Camp (511)

Tara C. Friedman, MD, VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

Kevin T. Bain, PharmD BCPS CGP GASCPC, excelleRx, Inc.

Cross-Cultural Conflict Resolution: It Is Not What You Say; It Is What They Hear (512)

VJ Periyakoil, MD, Stanford University School of Medicine and VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Death and The New Yorker Cartoons (513)

Marianne Matzo, PhD APRN FAAN

David C. Miller, BS

University of Oklahoma

Palliative Medicine and Hospice Legislative and Regulatory Update (514)

Howard Tuch, MD MS, The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast

Judi Buckalew, MPH RN, Powers, Pyles, Sutter, & Verville PC

C. Porter Storey, MD FACP FAAHPM, Kaiser Permanente

Saturday, March 28

Finesse It with Film: Using Video Clips to Enhance Your Teaching (515)

Kate Faulkner, MD FAAHPM, Old Colony Hospice

Discussing Prognosis with Patients and Caregivers (516)

Ronald Epstein, MD

Timothy Quill, MD

University of Rochester Medical Center

An Elusive Goal: Striving for Work-Life Balance (517)

Eva Chittenden, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital

Elisa Carey, MD, Mayo Clinic–Rochester

Vicki Jackson, MD MPH, Massachusetts General Hospital

Alexander K. Smith, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Eytan Szmuilowicz, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

1:45–2:45 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS**Good From the Very Beginning: Assessing and Promoting Quality by New Palliative Care Programs (520)**

Michael W. Rabow, MD, University of California–San Francisco

Steven Z. Pantilat, MD, University of California–San Francisco School of Medicine

Susan Stone, MD MPH, University of Southern California

F. Amos Bailey, MD FAAHPM FACP, Birmingham VA Medical Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham

Tina Picchi, MA, St. John's Regional Medical Center and St. John's Pleasant Valley Hospital

Challenges Managing Pain in Patients on Methadone and Suboxone For Addition (521)

Lara Michal Skarf, MD, VA Boston Healthcare System

Craig Blinderman, MD MA, Massachusetts General Hospital

Palliative Care for Adolescents: Issues and Challenges (522)

Benjamin H. Lee, MD MPH, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

Measuring Outcomes in Outpatient Palliative Medicine: Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How (523)

Elizabeth A. Kvale, MD, Birmingham VA Medical Center and University of Alabama at Birmingham

Best Practices in End-of-Life Care for Potential Organ Donors After Cardiac Death: Analysis From a Palliative Care Physician and a Transplant Surgeon (524)

Catherine McVeary Kelso, MD, McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Robert B. Love, MD, Loyola University–Chicago

Ketamine: Routes and Techniques of Administration (525)

Eric Prommer, MD, Mayo Clinic–Phoenix

An Interdisciplinary Approach to Supporting Patients and Families in Emotional Distress (526)

Todd Douglas Hultman, PhD APRN-BC ACHPN®

Todd Rinehart, MSW LICSW

Vicki A. Jackson, MD MPH

Massachusetts General Hospital

ROUNDING WITH THE STARS SESSION**Topic to Be Announced (527)**

J. Cameron Muir, MD FAAHPM, Capital Hospice

Polly Mazanec, MSN APRN BC PC, Case Western Reserve University

See page 1 for a session description

3–4:30 pm

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**CONVOCATION OF FELLOWS (AAHPM AND HPNA)****Will the Mystery of Pain Ever Be Unraveled?**

Judith Paice, PhD RN FAAN, Northwestern University Medical School

New Developments in the Assessment and Management of Delirium in Palliative Care

Eduardo Bruera, MD, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

Special Events

Job Fair

Visit the AAHPM and HPNA job fair, located in the exhibit hall, on Thursday, March 26, from 4:30–6:30 pm. This is a great chance to find out about opportunities available in the field of hospice and palliative medicine.

If you are interested in having a recruitment booth during the job fair, please contact Randi Romanek at 847/375-4848 or rromanek@connect2amc.com.

Service of Remembrance and Celebration

Our commitment to care for the seriously ill and dying requires insight beyond physical and psychosocial needs. We must be fully present to those we serve. Reflection on our own stories and losses may refresh and renew us so that we can return to the bedside to join new patients and families on their journeys. We invite the hospice and palliative care community to a nonsectarian ceremony on Friday, March 27, at 6 pm. Charles Sasser, MD FAAHPM FACP, a founding member and past president of AAHPM, will offer reflections on loss and celebration as part of this meeting. All members of the hospice and palliative care community are invited to participate.

AAHPM Awards Luncheons

Please join us as we honor and celebrate this year's prestigious PDIA Leadership Award winners. Each winner will be presented with his or her award and will speak on his or her specific topic of expertise during the luncheons. This is an exciting opportunity to hear these leaders in hospice and palliative medicine and be inspired. Continuing education credits will be available for these luncheons.

NBCHPN® Certification Luncheon

If you are currently certified by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN®) or are interested in certification and would like to attend the Certification Recognition Luncheon on Thursday, March 26, 12:50–2:05 pm, you must register through the National Office at 412/787-1057 or through the NBCHPN® Web site, www.nbchpn.org, on or before **February 27, 2009**. Seating is limited.



Exhibit Schedule

Wednesday, March 25

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| Opening Reception in Exhibit Hall | 5:30–7:30 pm |
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Thursday, March 26

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| Exhibits Open | 7 am–2:15 pm |
| Exhibits and Posters Open | 4:30–6:30 pm |
| Job Fair in Exhibit Hall | 4:30–6:30 pm |

Friday, March 27

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Membership



AAHPM Membership

The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) brings together more than 3,500 physicians and other healthcare professionals involved in or interested in the hospice and palliative care approach to patient care. It is the only organization of its kind in the United States that supports healthcare professionals dedicated to the advancement of practice, research, and education in the field of hospice and palliative medicine.

Membership benefits include

- subscriptions to
 - Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, published monthly (beginning January 2009)
 - AAHPM *Bulletin*, a quarterly newsletter
 - PC-FACS* (*Fast Article Critical Summaries for Clinicians in Palliative Care*), a monthly electronic publication that includes comprehensive reviews and insightful commentaries on key articles from 30 medical and scientific journals, which offers CME opportunity
- reduced registration rates for the Annual Assembly and courses
- discounted prices on AAHPM products, including educational publications and CD-ROMs
- access to the Members Only section of the Web site, which includes an online membership directory, journal, newsletter, *PC-FACS*, and other resources, including guides to physician coding and billing
- opportunity to join special interest groups and an online discussion board
- eligibility to participate in AAHPM's Award and Fellow status programs
- access to the AAHPM Jobmart, which will keep you informed about current career opportunities in hospice and palliative medicine in a variety of settings across the country
- representation in Washington, DC, supporting legislation to increase access to care and advocating for the professional interests of hospice and palliative care physicians.

To become an AAHPM member, choose the Join and Register option on the registration form or contact AAHPM at 4700 W. Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60025-1485, call 847/375-4712, e-mail info@aaahpm.org, or visit the AAHPM Web site at www.aahpm.org.



HPNA Membership

With more than 9,200 members, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a national nonprofit organization of nursing professionals specializing in palliative care. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind and is considered a leader in the specialty.

Membership benefits include

- subscription to the bimonthly *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing* (online access to current and archived issues is free to members)
- discounted prices on a broad range of more than 25 educational and professional development products and services, such as monthly Professional Nursing teleconferences with contact hours
- reduced fees for certification examinations offered by the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses
- professional networking opportunities through more than 30 local chapters, 9 special interest groups (with a special APN homepage for members), HPNA association committees, and a Web-based Members Only forum

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Scholarship and Mentoring Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Scholarships and Mentoring Opportunities Provided By the College of Palliative Care

Assembly Scholarship Applications Available

The College of Palliative Care (CPC), created to develop and support leaders in interdisciplinary palliative care research and education, is offering \$250 in scholarship funding for those who need assistance to attend the 2009 AAHPM and HPNA Annual Assembly. Scholarships are available to physicians, nurses, and social workers. Qualified applicants may receive this funding if they successfully apply and register for the 2009 AAHPM and HPNA Annual Assembly in Austin, TX. For more information and an application, visit www.aahpm.org. The deadline for applications is **December 19, 2008**.

One-on-One Mentoring Opportunities Available at the Annual Assembly

Interested in career and professional development advice, but don't know who to ask? The CPC offers an opportunity for students, residents, and junior and midcareer faculty to speak personally at the Annual Assembly with a senior mentor. Physician, nurse, and social work mentees will be paired with senior advisors who can help with issues related to professional development such as works in progress; clinical, educational, research, or administrative career paths; writing grants and papers; and balancing family and work priorities. For more information on this professional development opportunity and an application, visit www.aahpm.org. The deadline for applications is **January 15, 2009**.

Additional CPC Programs Available Throughout the Year

Year-Long Mentoring Program

The CPC Year-Long Mentoring Program provides funding for travel-related expenses, including to and from the Annual Assembly, for junior and senior mentoring pairs to focus on professional development in education, research, clinical care, and administration. The program is open to physicians, nurses, and social workers and their senior mentors from another institution who will benefit from regular contact over the course of one year. Applications will be available Spring 2009. Visit www.aahpm.org for more information.

Research Scholars Program

The CPC Research Scholars Program funds US-based physician, nurse, and social worker junior researchers to participate in the Annual Retreat and Research Symposium of the National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC), cosponsored by the CPC and American Cancer Society.

The goal of the Retreat and Research Symposium is to advance the scientific endeavors of those who are or will become independent investigators actively involved in palliative care research through development of attendees' individual works in progress and improvement of specific competencies and core methodologies essential to conducting palliative care research. Applications will be available spring 2009. Visit www.aahpm.org for more information.

AAHPM Palliative Medicine Access Fund

A Scholarship Program

The Palliative Medicine Access Fund was created to raise funds to help educate physicians of palliative medicine so that one day every American can have access to a properly trained palliative medicine physician.

This program will provide full financial support (including registration, travel, hotel, and meals) to physicians to attend the 2009 Assembly. US-based physicians who are new to the field of palliative medicine, want to switch to the specialty, or desire to incorporate palliative medicine principles into their practice are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have not attended an AAHPM program in the past and have a demonstrated commitment to the field of hospice and palliative medicine. For an application, visit www.aahpm.org/about/accessfund2.html. The deadline to apply is **December 15, 2008**.

Consider donating to the Fund to support scholarships for physicians to attend the Annual Assembly. There are two ways to make a donation.

1. Mail a check to
AAHPM Palliative Medicine Access Fund
PO Box 839
Glenview, IL 60025-0839
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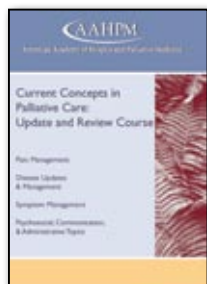
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AAHPM Educational Offerings

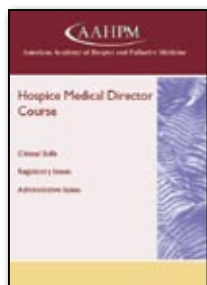
AAHPM is pleased to offer these additional educational opportunities and resources.

Current Concepts in Palliative Care Course and CD-ROM



This course is designed for hospice and palliative care physicians, nurses, family medicine physicians, internists, oncologists, psychiatrists, and others who want to gain a thorough update on current practices, clinical advancements, and research updates in palliative care. The course will be offered **August 6–8, 2009**, in Chicago. A CD-ROM of the 2008 course content is also available for purchase. The CD-ROM contains complete audio lectures and PowerPoint presentations from the 2008 course. Earn up to 18.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Visit www.aahpm.org for more information.

Hospice Medical Director Course and CD-ROM



This course is designed for hospice medical directors and those interested in becoming medical directors. You will learn the diverse roles of the hospice medical director and strategies for being successful within the interdisciplinary team. In educational presentations and interactive sessions, attendees acquire the skills needed to overcome the administrative, regulatory, and clinical challenges that medical directors face on a daily basis. The course will be offered **August 6–8, 2009**, in Chicago. A CD-ROM of the 2008 course

content is also available for purchase. The CD-ROM contains complete audio lectures and PowerPoint presentations from the 2008 course. Earn up to 17.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Visit www.aahpm.org for more information.

Clinical Scholars Program



Learn alternative models or venues of care, delivery systems, and therapies to help your patients while developing a mentor relationship with a palliative medicine physician in the new Clinical Scholars Program offered by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. This 1-week observership with a clinical team is available at one

of eight select hospice and palliative care sites across the United States. This program is intended for licensed physicians. Sample schedules and faculty listings for each training site as well as program applications are available at www.aahpm.org or by calling 847/375-4712.

Hospice and Palliative Medicine Physician Assessment and Self-Study Tool (HPM PASS™)

This online practice test includes 150 test questions to assess your knowledge in key areas of hospice and palliative medicine and uncover areas where additional review may be helpful. Take a sample test and order the complete online version of HPM PASS™ at www.aahpm.org.



Hospice and Palliative Medicine Focused Assessment and Study Tool (HPM FAST™)

Assess your knowledge in hospice and palliative medicine with these e-learning modules focusing on important clinical topics such as prognostication, pediatrics, and psychiatry and cognition. Each online practice test contains 25 questions and includes explanations and up-to-date references to provide guidance for further study. Visit www.aahpm.org to order the online version of HPM FAST™.



Hospice and Palliative Care Training for Physicians: UNIPAC Self-Study Program, 3rd Edition

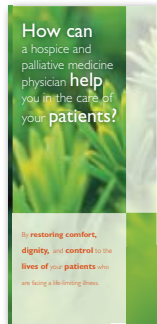
This edition has been extensively updated and provides readers with a solid foundation in the field of hospice and palliative medicine. Updated topics include the hospice and palliative medicine approach to care, psychological

and spiritual pain in the seriously ill, assessment and treatment of pain, management of selected nonpain symptoms, communication and the interdisciplinary team, ethical and legal decision making, care of patients with HIV/AIDS, and pediatric palliative care. The 3rd edition includes a ninth, new book covering the palliation of CHF, COPD, and dementia. Featuring evidence-based guidance, clinical case studies, and pre- and posttests, the UNIPAC book series is a valuable reference for clinicians who care for patients with serious or life-threatening conditions. Up to 54 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ are also available.



These resources will be available for purchase at the Annual Assembly or can be ordered by calling 847/375-4712 or online at www.aahpm.org.

Hospice and Palliative Medicine Physician Education Brochure



This educational brochure is designed to introduce the specialty of hospice and palliative medicine to other medical professionals. Offering a general look into the many functions and talents of hospice and palliative care specialists and case examples of scenarios appropriate for referral, this brochure is an excellent tool to use to promote your practice and inform other medical professionals about your vital function in the care of patients and on the interdisciplinary team.

Hospice and Palliative Medicine Patient Education Brochure



The patient education brochure is specifically written with your patients in mind to be used in your office or for distribution at community-wide events. This brochure provides the necessary information about hospice and palliative care to patients and families facing a serious or life-threatening condition. Featuring general information about the specialty and practical vignettes about others who benefit from the hospice and palliative medicine approach to care, this brochure is a vital tool to make your patients active participants in their care.

Primer of Palliative Care, 4th Edition



This introductory guide is perfect for all members of the palliative care team. Contents include pain management, dyspnea, nausea and vomiting, constipation, delirium, anorexia, anxiety and depression, spiritual and existential suffering, delivering bad news, evaluating requests for hastened death, managing the actively dying patient, summary tables, and lists of key evidence-based references.

Pocket Guide to Hospice and Palliative Medicine

Featuring over 100 comprehensive tables and assessment tools, this concise, clinically oriented reference describes palliative medicine interventions for improving a patient's quality of life, particularly at the end of life. The *Pocket Guide* includes information on evaluation and treatment of pain and nonpain symptoms, communication within an interdisciplinary team, ethical and legal issues, and pediatric care. This publication will also be offered digitally for download to PDAs and smart phones in 2009.



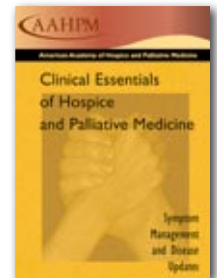
Medical Director Model

This valuable resource provides guidance for hospice medical directors in developing and implementing the multiple roles of physicians in hospice, including qualifications and training. It also introduces a model by which hospice physicians may be employed and compensated based on position, responsibilities, and location.



Clinical Essentials of Hospice and Palliative Medicine: Symptom Management and Disease Updates CD-ROM

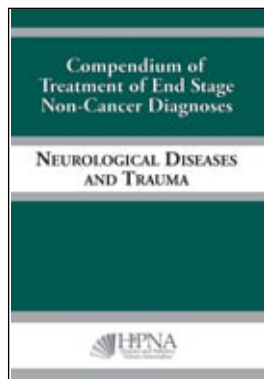
Perfect for training, this CD-ROM features audio lectures and PowerPoint presentations for practitioners new to the field of hospice and palliative medicine and other specialists caring for patients with serious or life-threatening conditions. Presentations cover diabetes disease state management at the end of life, merging palliative and critical care cultures in the intensive care unit, opioid bowel syndrome, agitation, proactive palliative care in the intensive care unit, running a family meeting, managing difficult behaviors in dementia and delirium, managing patients with addictions, cost-effective treatment and palliation of advanced COPD, and anatomy of chronic wounds among the frail elderly. Up to 12 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ are also available.



HPNA Educational Offerings

Compendium of Treatment of End Stage Non-Cancer Diagnoses

The *Compendium* is a series of seven books (Hepatic, Renal, Heart Failure, Pulmonary, Dementia, HIV/AIDS, and Neurological Diseases and Trauma) designed to serve as a resource in constructing an appropriate plan of care for individuals and their families experiencing these diseases. These modules examine the incidence of each disease process, the pathophysiology of the illness, appropriate assessment techniques, and treatments as the disease progresses. The modules further define the psychosocial implications. Each module specifically questions the potential ethical, economic and research implications as related to each specific disease process.



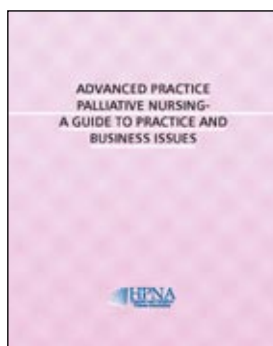
Conversations in Palliative Care

Conversations in Palliative Care is presented in a question-and-answer format. It is a comprehensive resource built upon a foundation of the basics of defining hospice and palliative care, communicating with patients and families and with other professionals, spiritual care, bereavement, and more. Any member of the healthcare team who is not familiar with the field of palliative care will find this text a helpful orientation tool to key principles for application to families and patients in care settings such as emergency rooms, intensive care units, general medical areas, and long-term care facilities. To those who work in the area of hospice and/or palliative care, this book offers unique features including topics such as nutrition, physical therapy, and occupational therapy. In addition, the "how to" sections of the text discuss starting a palliative care program. Those in hospice and palliative care will also find support when planning difficult conversations with patients and families.



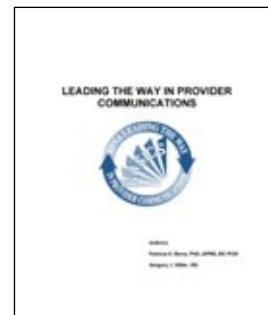
Advanced Practice Palliative Nursing—A Guide to Practice and Business Issues

This APN toolkit is a practical resource for clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners working in palliative care. It includes modules on academic preparation and certification; job descriptions, business plan and how to market yourself; coding and billing; and quality and system outcomes.



Leading the Way in Provider Communications

The purpose of this book is to facilitate communications between nurses and physicians. *Leading the Way in Provider Communications* details the necessary background needed to establish effective communication between the nurse and the physician irrespective of practice setting. BASICS is the acronym chosen to symbolize the foundation of effective communication. It represents the following: Background, Assessment, Situation/symptom, Intervention, Communication, and Successful Outcome. Using the principles of BASICS, this educational program offers the nurse and the physician the critical tools to establish effective communications that have the highest probability to yield successful outcomes. The program discusses six symptoms and seven systems. The first section has samples of the most common symptoms occurring in end-of-life situations using a conceptual framework for differentiating the possible cause of that symptom.



Leading the Way in Provider Communications—BASICS

Using the principles of BASICS (Background, Assessment, Symptom/Situation, Interpretation, Communication, and Successful Outcome), this interactive multimedia CD-ROM provides a framework for MD/RN "best practice" end-of-life communication using the principles of the BASICS technique.

Participants utilize six case studies to learn the BASICS technique by assessing patients with common end-of-life symptoms, interpret finding, and develop interventions. Once the challenge is complete, participants will hear the communication between the nurse and physician. Causes and interventions are reviewed for each symptom along with anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology for the corresponding systems.

Hospice and Palliative Interactive Learning Resource: Generalist Nurse

This interactive learning activity is for any nurse caring for persons with life-limiting illness in any setting. Utilizing an outline framework, this tool is a resource of the essential information on hospice and palliative nursing. The Resource's interactive design allows the user to navigate through the program in a manner that best fits their needs. Using Adobe Reader 7.0, the Resource is designed for agencies to place on their intranet for all staff to use.

All of these resources are available for purchase online at www.hpna.org.

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First name for badge _____ Credentials (limit 9 characters) _____

Facility _____ Facility/City/State _____

Mailing address (home office) _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Daytime phone (home office) (_____) _____ E-mail (required*) _____

*You will receive your electronic registration confirmation only via e-mail at the e-mail address provided.

Emergency contact name _____ Daytime phone _____ Evening phone _____

To register, make your selections in the boxes below, add the subtotals, and indicate the total amount in box I.

Please be sure to complete both sides of this registration form.

Meeting Registration **A**

*If you do not wish to register for the full conference, please move to **Box B** below.*

| Member (AAHPM or HPNA) | Early-Bird Discount (before or on February 11) | Regular Fee (after February 11) |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Member—Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> \$495 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$595 PM |
| Member—RN | <input type="checkbox"/> \$425 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$525 MRN |
| Member—Other Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> \$425 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$525 MO |
| Member—Fellow* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 FM |
| Medical Resident/Student* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 SM |
| Student Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 SN |

Join/Renew and Register

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Join AAHPM—Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> \$870 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$970 JR |
| Join AAHPM—RN or Other Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> \$610 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$710 JRN |
| Join AAHPM—Fellow* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$265 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$365 JRF |
| Join AAHPM—Medical Resident/Student* | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 JRRS |
| Join HPNA—RN | <input type="checkbox"/> \$510 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$610 JRHR |
| Join HPNA—Student Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$295 JRHSN |

Nonmember

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Nonmember—Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> \$650 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$750 PN |
| Nonmember—RN | <input type="checkbox"/> \$550 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$650 NRN |
| Nonmember—Other Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> \$525 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$625 NO |

*See page 19 for description.

Subtotal A \$ _____

1-Day Meeting Registration **B**

(for registrants attending 1–2 days of the meeting only)

Check which day(s) you will attend:

TH Thursday

FR Friday

SAT Saturday

| | Early-Bird Discount (before or on February 11) | Regular Fee (after February 11) |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1-day Member—Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> \$240 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$340 PMD |
| 1-day Member—RN | <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$295 MRND |
| 1-day Member—Other Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$295 MOD |
| 1-day Fellow/Resident/Student | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$185 SD |
| 1-day Student Nurse | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$185 SND |
| 1-day Nonmember—Physician | <input type="checkbox"/> \$295 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$395 PND |
| 1-day Nonmember—RN | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$350 NRND |
| 1-day Nonmember—Other Professional | <input type="checkbox"/> \$225 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$325 NOD |

Number of days _____ x rate = **Subtotal B \$** _____

Preconference Workshops, Wednesday, March 25 **C**

See pages 2 to 4 for session descriptions and codes. Space is limited, so be sure to review your confirmation e-mail to confirm your registration for these sessions.

8 am–5 pm

| | | |
|---|-----|---------------------------------|
| Hospice Medical Director Course—Module C: Administrative Issues and Challenges | P1 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 |
| CPC Social Worker Workshop | P11 | <input type="checkbox"/> No fee |

8 am–Noon

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------------------------|
| Practical Approaches to Palliative Wound Care | P2 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Communication Skills for Transitions in Goals of Care | P3 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Ethics Skills Building Workshop | P4 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Grief and Its Multifaceted Nature: A Clinical- and Skill-Oriented Workshop | P5 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Creating Pediatric Hospice and Palliative Care Programs and Fellowships | P10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |

1–5 pm

| | | |
|--|-----|---------------------------------|
| Hospice in Long-Term Care: Regulations, Ethics, Quality, and Collaboration | P6 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Making It in a Man's World: A Leadership Boot Camp for Women in Health Care | P7 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Advanced Pediatric Pain Management | P8 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| Translating Patients' Wishes into Medical Orders: The POLST Paradigm | P9 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 95 |
| CPC Physician Workshop | P12 | <input type="checkbox"/> No fee |

6–10 pm

| | | |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| CPC Nurse Workshop | P13 | <input type="checkbox"/> No fee |
|--------------------|-----|---------------------------------|

Subtotal C \$ _____

Side 1 Subtotal (A or B + C) \$ _____

Please complete your registration on the reverse side of this form.

3 easy ways to register

Online: www.aahpm.org (credit card payment only)

Mail: AAHPM/HPNA Assembly
PO Box 839, Glenview, IL 60025-0839

Phone: 847/375-4712 (credit card payment only)

After March 9, please call the number listed above for further information.

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Concurrent Session Selections, March 26–28, 2009 **D**

As part of your conference registration, please enter the three-digit code for each concurrent session you plan to attend. For session codes, see pages 6 through 10.

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Thursday | 10–11 am 3 0 | 2:25–3:25 pm 3 2 | 3:35–4:35 pm 3 3 |
| Friday | 10:15–11:15 am 4 0 | 3:30–4:30 pm 4 2 | 7:30–8:30 pm 4 3 |
| Saturday | 10–11 am 5 0 | 11:15 am–12:15 pm 5 1 | 1:45–2:45 pm 5 2 |

Awards Luncheons **E**

Thursday, March 26, 2009 12:50–2:05 pm
AAHPM PDIA Palliative Medicine Community and National Leadership Awards (Lunch 2) \$30

Friday, March 27, 2009 12:50–2:05 pm
PDIA National Social Worker and Nursing Leadership Awards (Lunch 3) \$30

Subtotal E \$ _____

Guest Pass **F**

Guest Name _____ \$65 GST
See page 19 for description.

Subtotal F \$ _____

Special Needs **G**

SA I will be using a wheelchair. SDV I will need a vegetarian meal.
OTH I have other needs. Please call me.
DIS I do not wish to have my name and contact info included in the onsite attendee list.

Access Fund **H**

Contribution to the Access Fund **Subtotal H \$** _____

Total **I**

Side 1 Subtotal \$ _____ + E + F + H **Total \$** _____

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After March 9, please call the number listed above for further information.

Payment (If payment does not accompany this form, your registration will not be processed.)

MasterCard **VISA** **American Express** **Discover** **Check enclosed**

- Make check payable to AAHPM.
- Checks not in U.S. funds will be returned.

- A charge of \$25 will apply to checks returned for insufficient funds.
- I authorize AAHPM to charge the total amount deemed to be accurate and appropriate.

Account number

Expiration date

Signature

Cardholder's name (please print)

Cancellation Policy: All cancellations must be made in writing. A \$95 processing charge will apply to all cancellations. No refunds will be made on cancellations postmarked after March 9, 2009. All refunds will be processed after the Assembly. AAHPM/HPNA reserves the right to substitute faculty or to cancel or reschedule sessions due to low enrollment or other unforeseen circumstances. If the Assembly is cancelled, registrants will receive full credits or refunds of the paid registration fees. No refunds can be made for lodging, airfare, or any other expenses related to attending the Assembly.

Register Early and Save!

Take advantage of the early-bird discount by registering before **February 11, 2009**, and save \$100 on your registration for the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly. In addition, make your hotel reservation for the Annual Assembly before **February 23, 2009**, to take advantage of the special AAHPM/HPNA rate.

Don't miss out on the premier educational event of the year for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers who care for patients with serious or life-threatening conditions.

Make a Contribution

The Palliative Medicine Access Fund was created to raise funds to help educate physicians of palliative medicine so that one day every American can have access to a properly trained palliative medicine physician.

This program will provide full financial support (including registration, travel, hotel, and meals) to physicians to attend the 2009 Annual Assembly.

Consider donating to the Access Fund by entering an amount in box H and adding that to your Assembly registration to help support these scholarships.

Save the Dates



AAHPM/HPNA 2010 Annual Assembly
March 3–6
Boston, MA



AAHPM/HPNA 2011 Annual Assembly
February 16–19
Vancouver, British Columbia
Canada

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Registration Information

Continuing Education Credit

Physicians

The American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AAHPM designates this educational activity for a maximum of 25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Each physician should claim only those credits commensurate to the time that he or she actually spent in the activity.

Preconference Events: Up to 7.5 credit hours

Annual Assembly: Up to 17.5 credit hours

Application for CME credit has been filed with the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Nurses

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a coprovider of the Annual Assembly. HPNA is an approved provider of continuing education by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. HPNA is also approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (provider number CEP7976) to offer nursing education contact hours.

Preconference Events: Up to 11.25 nursing contact hours

Annual Assembly: Up to 17.5 nursing contact hours

Pharmacists

The Illinois Pharmacists Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education.

Application for continuing education credit has been filed with the Illinois Pharmacists Association.

Social Workers

Application for formal social work continuing education approval has been filed with the National Association of Social Work.

Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the ACCME and the American Nurses Credentialing Center Standards for Commercial Support, all CME providers are required to disclose to the activity audience the relevant financial relationships of the planners, teachers, and authors involved in the development of CME content. An individual has a relevant financial relationship if he or she has a financial relationship in any amount occurring in the last 12 months with a commercial interest whose products or services are discussed in the CME activity content over which the individual has control. AAHPM requires that all relevant financial relationships be resolved prior to planning or participation.

The material presented in this activity represents the opinion of the speakers and not necessarily the views of AAHPM or HPNA.

Types of Registration

AAHPM Physician Member

You must be an AAHPM physician member in good standing to take advantage of this discounted fee.

HPNA Member or AAHPM Affiliate Member

You must be an AAHPM nonphysician healthcare professional member or an HPNA member to register at this special rate.

Fellow

To register or join as a fellow, documentation must be provided from the current fellowship program director.

Medical Resident/Student

To register or join as a resident or full-time medical student at the special rate, documentation must be provided from the dean of a current program. Residents and medical students are entitled to a free, virtual membership. Virtual membership provides electronic access only to periodicals.

Guest

Guest passes are available for \$65 each and include entrance to the exhibit hall, reception, and morning breaks.

Join and Register

You can become a member of AAHPM or HPNA and register for the conference at the reduced member rate. Benefits of membership are described on page 12. Be sure to select the Join and Register option and check the appropriate membership category on the registration form.

Special Assistance

If you need special assistance, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. Call AAHPM member services at 847/375-4712 if you have any questions.

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing. A \$95 processing fee will apply to all cancellations. No refunds will be made on cancellations postmarked after **March 9, 2009**. All refunds will be processed after the meeting.

Deductibility of Expenses

Consult your tax adviser for information about the deductibility of registration and membership fees.

Program Changes and Cancellations

AAHPM and HPNA reserve the right to substitute faculty or to cancel or reschedule sessions due to unforeseen circumstances. If AAHPM or HPNA must cancel this conference, registrants will receive a full refund of their paid registration fee. No refunds can be made for lodging, airfare, or other expenses related to attending the meeting.

Travel Information

Hotels

AAHPM and HPNA have secured a limited number of sleeping rooms at a special rate at the hotels listed below. Make your reservations before the **February 23, 2009**, cutoff date to ensure that you obtain the special room rate. After this date, reservations will be taken on a space- and rate-available basis only.

Reserve a hotel room at the special AAHPM/HPNA rates at www.aahpm.org.

Courtyard Marriott Austin Downtown/Convention Center

300 East 4th Street
Austin, TX 78701
\$185 single/double

Four Seasons Hotel Austin

98 San Jacinto Boulevard
Austin, TX 78701
\$240 single/double—City View
\$260 single/double—Lake View

Hilton Austin

500 East 4th Street
Austin, TX 78701
\$199 single/double

Residence Inn Studio Suites Marriott Austin Downtown/Convention Center*

300 East 4th Street
Austin, TX 78701
\$195 single/double

**Residence Inn Suites includes complimentary American breakfast buffet (Monday–Sunday) and a manager's reception (Monday–Thursday).*

Housing Guidelines

Rate. The cutoff date for a hotel reservation is February 23, 2009. A block of rooms is reserved for the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly at the group rate. Once the room block is full, higher rates may apply.

Deposit. A credit card guarantee of one night's room and tax is required with each reservation request. Credit cards must be valid through March 2009 to be considered a proper guarantee. No cash or check deposits will be accepted.

Cancellations and Changes. Cancellation or changes must be made by phone, e-mail, or fax to the AAHPM/HPNA Housing Bureau through March 19, 2009. Reservations can be modified or cancelled to the designated hotel. Reservations can be modified or cancelled without penalty before February 23, 2009. After this date and up to 72 hours prior to arrival, cancellation will be charged a \$25 processing fee. Any cancellations within 72 hours of arrival are subject to one night's room and tax penalty at your confirmed hotel.

Confirmations. Confirmation will be sent after each reservation booking, modification, or cancellation. Review it carefully for accuracy. If you do not receive a confirmation via e-mail, fax, or mail within 14 days after the transaction, please contact the Housing Bureau via fax at 512/583-7283 or e-mail jesters@austintexas.org.

Airline

United Airlines is offering special meeting discounts for attendees of the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly. Simply call (or have your travel agent call) our Special Meeting Desk at 800/521-4041 and refer to Meeting ID Number 550KO to receive a 2% to 15% discount off applicable fares. If you purchase your ticket at least 30 days prior to travel, you will receive an additional 5% discount (on most classes of service). This special offer applies to travel on domestic segments of all United Airlines, United Express, TED, and United code share flights (UA*) operated by US Airways, US Airways Express, and Air Canada.

To purchase your ticket online, visit www.united.com, and receive a 5% discount off the lowest applicable fares. Enter your origin and destination, travel dates, and promotion code 550KO (case sensitive); available flights will then be displayed. Flights that qualify for the discount will be clearly identified with a green star symbol, which means that the itinerary is "electronic certificate eligible." When you select an electronic certificate eligible flight, United will automatically calculate and present your discounted fare. This special offer applies to flights to or from the United States only. There are no fees for booking online.

To check schedules and to take advantage of this offer, please visit www.united.com or call 800/521-4041.

Ground Transportation

The Austin-Bergstrom International Airport is approximately 20 to 30 minutes away from the host hotels. Most major car rental firms operate at the airport as well as an airport shuttle service, taxis, and limousines. A taxi fare is approximately \$27 to \$33 each way, and taxis can be found outside the baggage claim area. Super Shuttles are also available for approximately \$13 each way. Reservations can be made by calling 512/258-3826.

Austin, TX

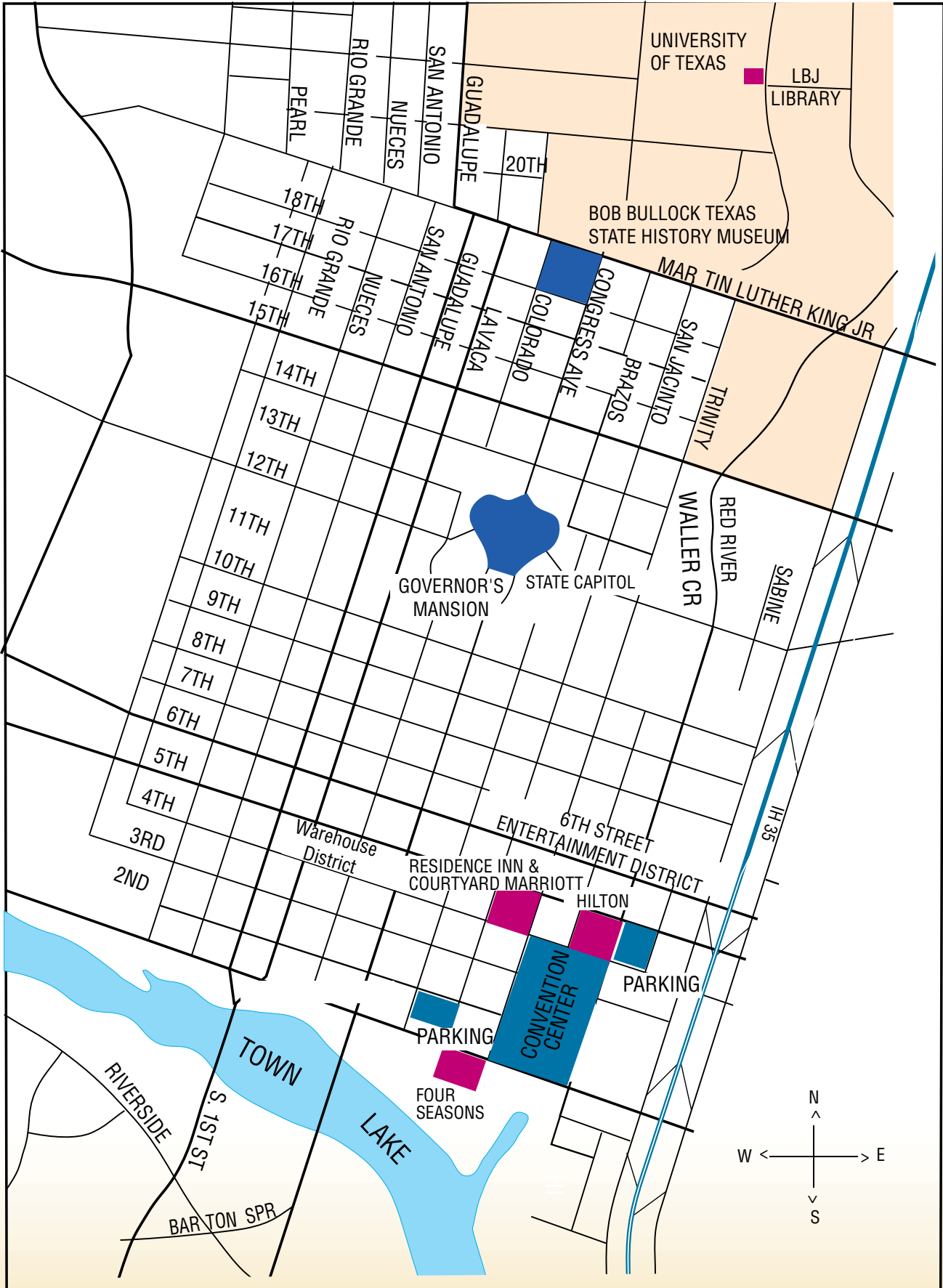
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The average high temperature in March is 72.5°F, with the average low being 50.9°F. Although the weather may be pleasant outside, a light sweater is recommended for the educational sessions as meeting room temperatures tend to vary.



Travel Information

Downtown Austin



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Register Now for the AAHPM and HPNA Annual Assembly and Receive These Benefits:

- Earn up to 25 *AMA PRA Category I Credits™* or up to 28.75 nursing contact hours.
- Learn the latest clinical information and research updates in hospice and palliative care from leading experts in the field.
- Gain insight on all domains of quality palliative care.
- Explore career opportunities in hospice, university, and other settings at the AAHPM and HPNA Job Fair located in the exhibit hall.
- Participate in skill-building workshops covering pain and symptom management, ethics, communication issues, regulatory issues, and leadership strategies.
- Enhance your clinical knowledge with new learned strategies and treatment advancements.
- Acquire new contacts for future collaboration in research and clinical realms of hospice and palliative care.
- Experience Austin and enjoy Tex-Mex and barbecue restaurants as well as a variety of musical entertainment in the "Live Music Capital of the World."



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