



State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care
FAQs

- **Why does the State of the Science overlap with Annual Assembly?**

This first State of the Science symposium will be co-located with the Annual Assembly to maximize engagement and save you money on travel costs. The symposium will overlap with the Annual Assembly on Saturday only. Those attending both meetings will receive a 20% discount on their Annual Assembly registration. You can register for both meetings March 13-31, 2019 and receive early bird pricing by calling AAHPM at 847.375.4712. Registration will re-open in October.

- **What is unique about this new research meeting?**

This meeting is being developed by researchers in the field for other researchers with a goal of creating peer connections that will sustain and advance careers and promote scientific advances in the field of hospice and palliative care.

- **Who is designing the program?**

The Steering Committee is co-chaired by Jean S. Kutner, MD MPH FAAHPM and R. Sean Morrison, MD FAAHPM. Members include Rebecca Aslakson, MD PhD FAAHPM, J. Randall Curtis, MD MPH, Judith A. Paice, PhD RN, and Kathryn Pollak, PhD.

The Program Committee is co-chaired by James N. Dionne-Odom, PhD RN ACHPN and Abby Rosenberg, MD MS MA. Members are Melissa Aldridge, PhD MBA, Abraham Brody, PhD RN ACHPN FAAN FPCN, Lee Ellington, PhD, Mary Ersek, PhD RN FPCN, Stacy Fischer, MD, Emily Johnston, MD, Arif Kamal, MD MBA MHS FAAHPM, Peter May, MS MSc, Oreofe Odejide, MD MPH, Eric Roeland, MD FAAHPM, Gretchen (Margaret) Schwarze, MD MPP, Alex Smith, MD MPH MS, and Deborah Waldrop, PhD MS MSW LMSW.

- **Why should I register in March 2019 for a meeting that is a year away?**

- Save more than 50% off the full registration fee by registering at the early, early bird rate.
- Attend both the Annual Assembly and the State of the Science in 2020 and receive a 20% discount on the Assembly registration.

- **I'm considering a career in research. Will this meeting be beneficial for me to attend?**

Absolutely. The Steering and Program Committees are planning opportunities for those interested in exploring research to network with mid- and senior-career researchers. Representatives from federal funding agencies (e.g. NIH, NCI) and the major palliative care research organizations will be present to meet with attendees. The symposium will be a place to explore and expand your career in research.

- **Will there be a call for abstracts?**

Yes. The call for abstracts will be in August/September 2019. Abstracts that have been presented at other meetings will be welcome. Abstracts on works in progress without complete data will also be welcome. This symposium will be a place to give and receive feedback to advance the science.

- **Should I submit a scientific abstract for the Annual Assembly or the State of the Science?**

Authors may submit an abstract to Annual Assembly (call for Scientific and Quality Improvement Papers and Posters is July 1-31, 2019) and to the State of the Science symposium. The abstract submissions will ask for different information and scoring criteria will be different for each meeting. The audience at the Assembly wants to know about your research and how it can inform clinical practice. The audience at the State of the Science wants to know how your work contributes to the science and what they (and you) can learn from your shared work.

- **Why is it called “State of the Science?” I thought that was the name of the Saturday morning plenary session at Assembly.**

You are correct. The one hour State of the Science plenary session at the Annual Assembly has been a favorite session that features the latest science and applies it to clinical practice. The science and the field of hospice and palliative care has advanced, so a spinoff of the popular session at Assembly into a full meeting will be beneficial to those interested in research. This meeting will provide those working in research need a place to meet, network, and collaborate to advance the science. The State of the Science will not replace the Annual Assembly and the Assembly will continue to be a place for clinicians and researchers to learn and grow together.

- **What are the registration fees?**

- AAHPM Member: \$650 (\$815 after March 31)
- Supporting Partner Members: \$650 (\$815 after March 31)
- Nonmember: \$845 (\$1,060 after March 31)

After March 31, registration will be unavailable and will re-open October 2019.