



State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care
FAQs

- **What is the purpose of the State of the Science meeting?**

The purpose of the meeting is to support and advance the science of hospice and palliative care by fostering community and multidisciplinary collaboration, building capacity through investigator development, and sharing cutting-edge research by scientists at all career stages:

- hear from leading researchers about the latest science in palliative care and hospice - across the lifespan
- network as a scientific community to foster interdisciplinary collaborations
- learn the latest in research design and methods
- participate in investigator development activities across all research career stages.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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. Many professional meetings are 4-6 days in length. Assembly is just four days if you attend the pre-conference workshops. The symposium will overlap with the Annual Assembly on Saturday only.

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

That is 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 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.

- **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.

- **Can I obtain continuing education credits?**

We are pleased to offer CME/CE credits and MOC points as a result of attending the State of the Science in Hospice and Palliative Care. In order to receive your CME/CE credits and MOC points, you will need to complete an evaluation after the meeting has concluded.

- **How are other organizations involved?**

The National Palliative Care Research Center and the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group have been critical in providing leadership for the State of the Science. The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association will accredit the program for CNE.

Supporting partners include:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Association of Professional Chaplains
- Center for Advance Palliative Care
- Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association
- National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care
- Palliative Care Research Cooperative
- Physician Assistants in Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- Society of Pain & Palliative Care Pharmacists

- **What are the registration fees?**

- AAHPM Member: \$815 October-January
- Supporting Partner Members: \$815 October-January
- Nonmember: \$1,060 October-January

Registration opens October 2019.

- **Is there a discount if I want to attend Assembly and State of the Science?**
Attend both the Annual Assembly and the State of the Science in 2020 and receive a 20% discount on the Assembly registration.
- **What if I am a member of a co-sponsoring organization?**
Members of organizations that are supporting partners will receive member discounts for registration.
- **Will there be a call for abstracts?**
Yes. The call for abstracts will open on October 1, 2019 and close on October 23, 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. Learn more at www.aahpm.org/stateofthescience.
- **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 (October 1-23, 2019). 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.