

AAHPM Member Guide



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE



Your guide to making the most
of your membership in the **only**
national medical specialty society
for hospice and palliative medicine.

Thank you for your membership in AAHPM. This *Member Guide* will help you navigate the many programs and services offered by the Academy. It includes information to help you expand your knowledge, enhance your career, strengthen your practice, and widen your network.

Visit aahpm.org to learn more about these programs. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

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Network with Your Peers

Expanding your network with AAHPM members gives you the opportunity to collaborate, share ideas, learn best practices, and develop stronger relationships. Join up to 30 different communities (councils, SIGs, and forums) representing many diverse areas within hospice and palliative care, including cancer, ethics, veterans, pediatrics, and long-term care.

Participate on AAHPM Connect, our online community platform to

- connect with your colleagues
- seek advice
- form beneficial partnerships
- raise your professional profile
- offer your expertise
- exchange ideas
- access and contribute to a library of expertise.

Access AAHPM Connect at
connect.aahpm.org.

“In many care settings, the passionate HPM practitioner can feel a bit like a lone wolf. But as a member of AAHPM, I always feel like I’m part of a community, a part of something bigger and better that is changing American medical culture in the right direction.”

- Hunter Groninger, MD FAAHPM

Did you know AAHPM began with 125 members and has grown to more than 5,100 today?


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Develop Your Career

AAHPM offers you support throughout every phase of your career. Whether you are just getting started or are a well-established physician, we offer convenient, useful information and training opportunities. The AAHPM Leadership Forum is designed to refine the leadership skills you need to succeed. Our online Job Mart benefits both job seekers and employers looking for qualified candidates.

For the most comprehensive listing of jobs in hospice and palliative care, check out the Career Development section of aahpm.org/career/job-mart.

Did you know that last year, more than 556 jobs were posted on the Job Mart page?



Did you know the *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*, owned by AAHPM, has an impact factor of 2.649 and is ranked 29th out of 155 general and internal medicine journals?

Stay Up to Date

Stay up to date on research and advances in the field and key developments in the specialty with these publications:

- *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management (JPSM)*—an international, peer-reviewed, monthly publication and a major source of new scientific findings
- *PC-FACS*—an electronic “journal watch” that summarizes key hospice and palliative medicine articles from more than 100 medical and scientific journals
- *AAHPM Quarterly*—a print newsletter that includes articles on ethics, the art of caring, clinical pearls, a message from the president, and Academy news and events
- *Hospice and Palliative Medicine SmartBriefs*—biweekly e-newsletter that delivers the most relevant news about hospice and palliative care from major media outlets, trade publications, and blogs.

Access past issues of publications

at aahpm.org/education/publications.



Advocate for Your Patients and Profession

Today's changing practice environment requires you to be an advocate for sound health policy. Count on AAHPM for the information and tools you'll need.

Our public policy priorities include

- developing an adequate, well-trained, sustainable hospice and palliative care workforce
- preserving and expanding timely access to hospice and palliative care, including in emerging payment and delivery models
- increasing funding for hospice and palliative care research
- ensuring timely and effective access to prescription medications for patients with legitimate need while maximizing individual and public safety
- advancing palliative care in national quality measurement and performance improvement strategies.

Learn about our public policy priorities, find your elected officials, and connect directly with policy-makers by visiting aahpm.org/advocacy.

Did you know that in the 114th Congress the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act—legislation developed by AAHPM—attracted 256 bipartisan sponsors and a first-ever hearing on the bill?



Expand Your Knowledge

AAHPM's in-person and on-demand educational opportunities address critical topics that advance your practice, educate your team, and help you prepare for and maintain your subspecialty and hospice medical director certification. As a member, you receive up to a 30% discount on products and fees.

This extensive array of products is designed to help you assess and advance your practice:

- *Primer of Palliative Care*—an introductory guide that is perfect for all members of your team.
- *HPM PASS*, *HPM FAST*, and *HMD Prep*—online practice tests that assess your knowledge in hospice and palliative medicine. CME and MOC are available.
- *UNIPACs* and *Essential Practices in Hospice and Palliative Medicine*—9-volume series that provides a solid foundation in the specialty and features evidence-based guidance, clinical case studies, and *amplifire* online confidence-based learning modules.
- *Hospice Medical Director Manual*—go-to, easy reference book that includes tools and sample documents.
- Recording Library—the latest information on disease and symptom management, billing and coding, prognostication, and many more.

AAHPM also provides tools to assist you in addressing patient safety and quality care. The resources on aahpm.org will help you better understand reporting programs, registries, and other quality initiatives.

Access these valuable resources at aahpm.org/education.

Did you know AAHPM was awarded accreditation with commendation as a provider of CME for physicians by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education?

Navigate aahpm.org

Need to find something on the website? Here's a quick guide

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Buy products, register for a meeting, or renew your membership.

Did you know how easy it is to update your contact information so you don't miss important communications from the Academy? Visit aahpm.org, log in (upper right corner of the home page), and update your demographics within your member profile.



Attend the Annual Assembly

As the largest meeting for the specialty, the Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care offers the most current hospice and palliative care education in plenary sessions, skill-building workshops, interdisciplinary case conferences, scientific research paper and poster sessions, and networking events and exhibits. More than 3,000 physicians, nurses, and other clinicians and practitioners attend each year.

March 14-17, 2018 | Boston, MA

March 13-16, 2019 | Orlando, FL

March 18-21, 2020 | San Diego, CA

February 17-20, 2021 | Denver, CO

For information on the Annual Assembly,
visit AnnualAssembly.org

Did you know that more than
200 individual educational
sessions are offered each year
at the Annual Assembly?



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PalliativeDoctors.org (patient site)

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YouTube.com/aahpm

“AAHPM feels like family. We’re a small but growing tribe. I feel supported and encouraged to become a better physician.”

- Earl Quijada, MD FAAHPM

Did you know you can network from anywhere? AAHPM has a robust online community of LinkedIn users, Twitter followers, and Facebook fans.



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