


AAHPM Member Guide



AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

A large, stylized white line-art illustration of a tree with many rounded, teardrop-shaped leaves, set against a dark blue background with faint, lighter blue leaf patterns. The tree's trunk is thick and textured with horizontal lines.

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



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 more than 35 different communities (Councils, SIGs, and Forums) representing many diverse areas within hospice and palliative care, including integrative medicine, outpatient palliative care, pharmacotherapy, rural, and safety net.

Participate on AAHPM Connect, our online community platform:

- Connect with your colleagues.
- Offer your expertise.
- Ask advice.
- Exchange ideas.
- Form beneficial partnerships.
- Access and contribute to a library of expertise.
- Raise your professional profile.

Thank you for your membership in AAHPM. This Member Guide will help you navigate the many programs offered by the Academy. Learn about ways to increase your knowledge, enhance your career, strengthen your practice, and expand your network.

Visit aahpm.org for more information about any of the programs. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Tammie E. Quest, MD
FAAHPM
President, AAHPM

Steve R. Smith, MS CAE
Executive Director and
CEO, AAHPM

Who can provide helpful advice and a valued second opinion?

Visit connect.aahpm.org, an online platform for members' exclusive use. Post your questions and fellow members will respond.

“AAHPM Connect allows me to connect with physicians and providers in the same field I'm in. You post a question and then it's open forum for people to answer.”

—Luis Gonzalez, MD CMD FACP FAAHPM

DEVELOP YOUR CAREER

AAHPM offers you support throughout every phase of your career. Whether you are just getting started or are a well-established clinician, we offer convenient, useful information and training opportunities. Programs include: **Mentor Match**, an online networking and career enhancement tool; **Leadership Forum**, designed to refine the leadership skills you need to succeed; and our popular online **Job Mart** that offers benefits to both job seekers and employers looking for qualified candidates.

“AAHPM finds opportunities for people and connects them with one another in ways that I would not have imagined. The Academy brings people together.”

—Stacy K. Levine, MD FAAHPM

Who can help you with career advice?

Visit AAHPM Mentor Match to find a mentor whose skills advance your personal development and career goals.

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, and clinical pearls; a message from the President; and Academy news and events
- *Hospice and Palliative Medicine SmartBriefs*—a biweekly e-newsletter that delivers the most relevant news about hospice and palliative care from major media outlets, trade publications, and blogs.

Where do you find the latest research in hospice and palliative medicine?

Access Academy 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. The Academy's 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
- increasing funding for hospice and palliative care research
- ensuring timely and effective access to prescription medications
- advancing palliative care in national quality measurement and performance improvement strategies.

Where can you learn more about advocacy?

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

EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

These 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 discounts up to 30% on products and fees.

These products are designed to help you assess and advance your practice:

- *Essential Practices in Hospice and Palliative Medicine*—a 9-volume series that provides critical content for healthcare practitioners and those in training. It serves as a point-of-care reference and study tool for board exams. Online learning modules also are available and offer CME and MOC.
- *Primer of Palliative Care*—an introductory guide that is perfect for all members of your team. Questions to facilitate integration of content also are included.
- *Hospice Medicine Director Manual*—a reference book that includes tools and sample documents. New to this edition are chapters on burnout, leadership, diversity, and ethics.
- *HPM PASS, HPM FAST, and HMD Prep*—online practice tests that assess your knowledge in hospice and palliative medicine. CME and MOC are available.
- AAHPM recording library—hear the best speakers present the latest information on disease and symptom management, billing and coding, prognostication, and much more.

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

Access these valuable resources at aahpm.org/education.

What's your knowledge of HPM?

Test it with our online practice tests and learning modules.

NAVIGATE AAHPM.ORG

Need to find something on the website? Here's a quick guide to the tabs at the top of the homepage:

Membership

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- Diversity & Inclusion
- Getting Involved
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- FAAHPM
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Education & Practice

- Meetings
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- Self-Study
- Fellowships
- CME
- Quality
- Research
- HPMQ

Advocacy

- Stay Informed
- Take Action
- Key Issues

Career Development

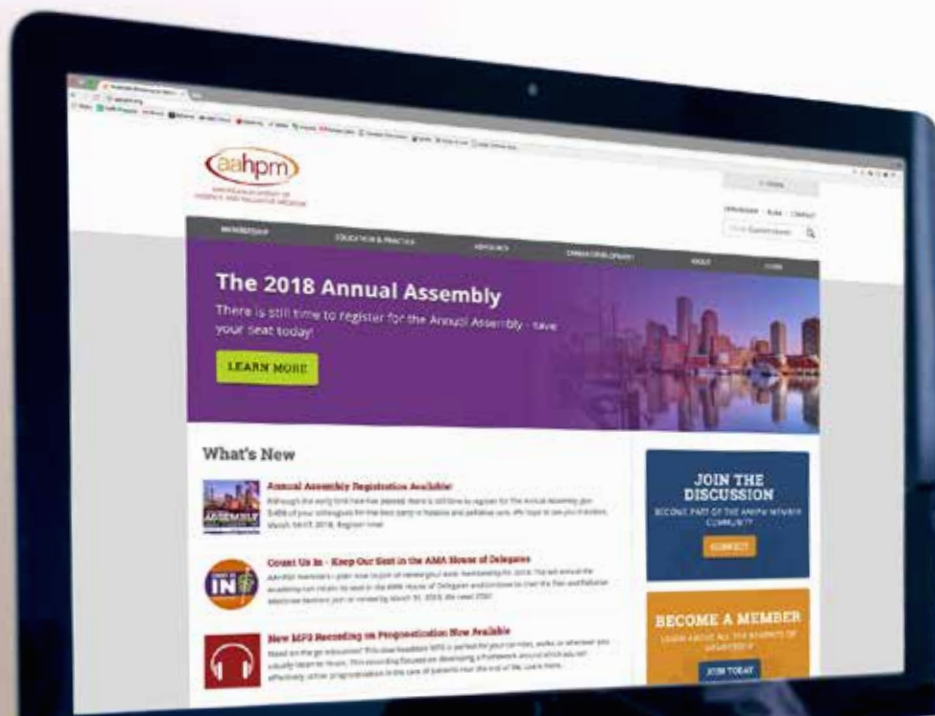
- Jobs
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Are you who we think you are?

Update your contact information so you don't miss important communications from the Academy. Visit aahpm.org, log in (in the upper right corner of the homepage), 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 through plenary sessions, skill-building workshops, interdisciplinary case conferences, and scientific research paper and poster sessions. More than 3,400 physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and other clinicians and practitioners attend each year for the education, networking events, and exhibits. Join us!

March 13-16, 2019 | Orlando, FL

February 17-20, 2021 | Denver, CO

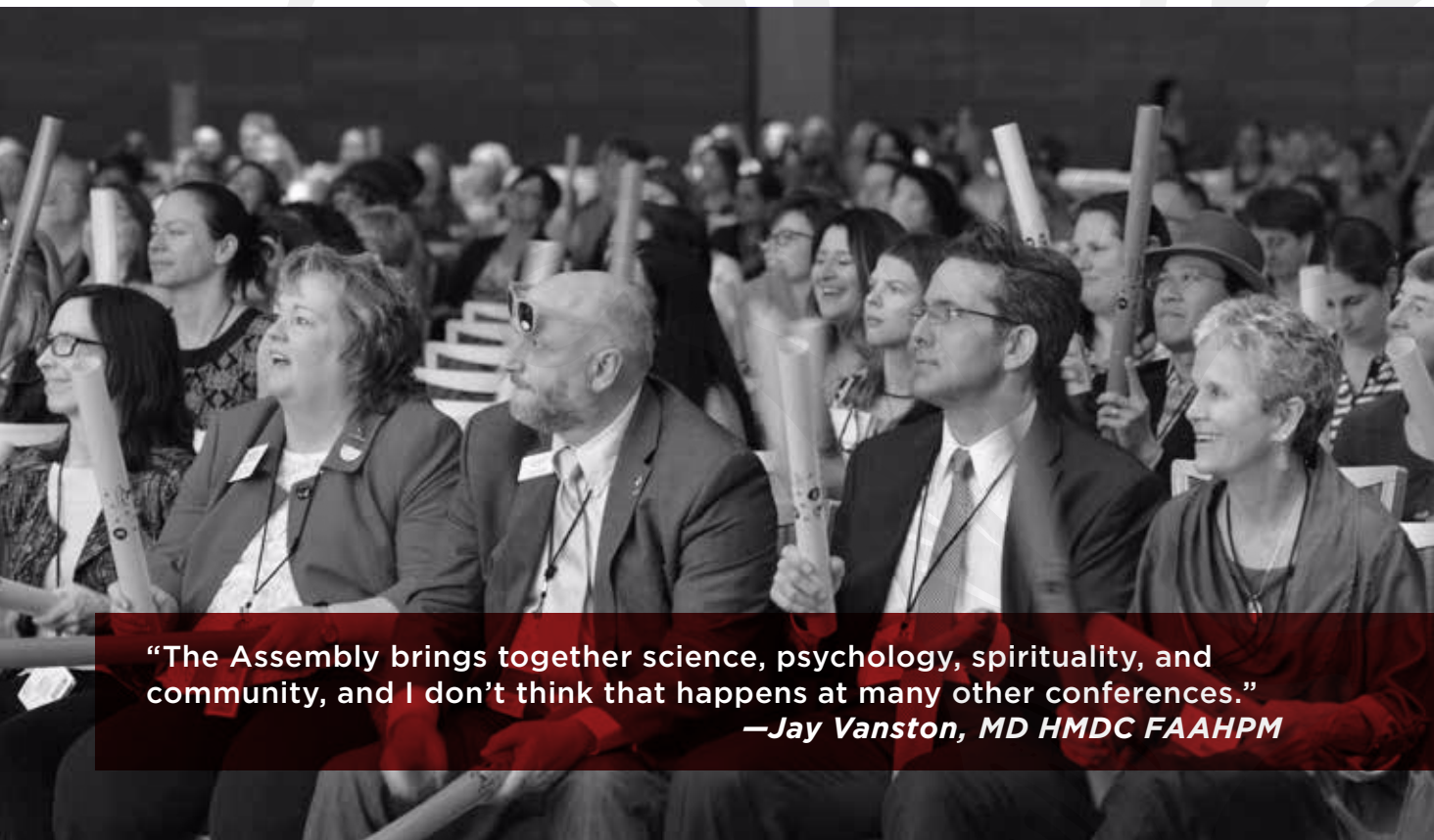
March 18-21, 2020 | San Diego, CA

February 9-12, 2022 | Nashville, TN

For information on the Annual Assembly, visit AnnualAssembly.org.

How can you present at the Assembly?

Visit AnnualAssembly.org to find when the next calls will open and how to submit your abstract.



“The Assembly brings together science, psychology, spirituality, and community, and I don’t think that happens at many other conferences.”

—Jay Vanston, MD HMDC FAAHPM

CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

aahpm.org

847.375.4712

PalliativeDoctors.org
(patient site)

AAHPMblog.org



“One of the things that leads to burn-out is that you don’t feel you have a voice in how things are going. If you want to have a voice, be active in the organization that is your voice. Be active in AAHPM.”

—*Kimberly A. Curseen, MD*

Did you know you can network from anywhere?

AAHPM has a robust online community of 14,000 LinkedIn users, 11,000 Twitter followers, and 5,100 Facebook fans.