

# Essential Practices in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, 5th Edition

## Frequently Asked Questions

### SERIES – Books & Modules

**1. Do I need the new Essentials 5th edition if I have the 4<sup>th</sup> edition?**

*Yes, content is significantly updated and, in some cases, completely re-written. In addition, there are two chronic illness books that cover two new topics, Renal Disease and Neurological Conditions. Book 8 includes COPD, Heart Failure, and Renal Disease, and Book 9 includes HIV, Dementia, and Neurological Conditions.*

**2. Who would be best served by the new 5th edition of the Essentials?**

*Anyone who wants to engage in a self-study of hospice and palliative care will benefit from the Essentials and corresponding learning modules. It can be used in fellowships as a reference or training tool in palliative care or hospice programs. It can also be used as an orientation for new staff and for study of the field.*

**3. Can the 5th edition of the Essentials help me prepare for the Hospice and Palliative Medicine board exam?**

*Yes, the content is based on the best practices and current literature in hospice and palliative care and is referenced extensively. With more than 2500 references, the Essentials series will serve as a great tool for review and study. The learning modules will help you identify and focus on areas where your knowledge is weakest.*

**4. Is there a discount for purchasing the whole set versus single books or *Essentials* modules?**

*Yes, there is a discount for purchasing the book/module series rather than individual books/modules and there's a significant discount if you purchase all 9 books and all 9 modules. Visit the Online Store to view pricing details.*

**5. How did you arrive at the pricing for the books and the modules?**

*The books are very competitively priced given the depth of the content and the work involved by AAHPM, authors, reviewers and editors.*

**6. Is there a group discount available?**

*Special orders will be considered. Please contact Terrie McKissack with specific requests at [tmckissack@ahpm.org](mailto:tmckissack@ahpm.org).*

## Books

**7. Can I preview the new Essentials books?**

*AAHPM is working to provide a demo of the books and it should be available in August.*

**8. Is there CME/MOC credit for the books?**

*There is no CME credit or MOC credit for the books.*

## Learning Modules

**9. What are the learning modules?**

*The online learning modules are designed to assess your knowledge and understanding of a topic area in an environment that provides repetition of questions, links to additional information and results. The design is uniquely structured to assess your current understanding and assist in furthering your professional development through recommendations of additional resources. The learning modules will take each learner to mastery, answering each item correctly and confidently two times.*

**10. How many CME are available?**

*3 CME are available per learning module; a total of 27 for all 9 learning modules.*

**11. Can the learning modules be used with the 4th edition UNIPAC books?**

*The online modules are based on the updated content and book organization, but because they are learning modules that include rationale and references, they will be useful even without the 5th edition books.*

**12. Can multiple people use one *learning* module?**

*No, similar to the previous edition, the learning modules may be used only by one person, however you can certainly share your books.*

**13. What type of CME/MOC credit is available?**

*AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and MOC Points  
American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) and American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)  
Maintenance of Certification (MOC) points are available. Earn 3 Medical Knowledge self-assessment points per module toward your MOC requirements. The modules will be submitted to other Boards for MOC points. Check the website, [essentials.org](http://essentials.org), for updates.*

**14. How do I access the modules and obtain my CME certificate?**

*You will have access to the modules under My Account at [www.aahpm.org](http://www.aahpm.org) once you have logged in with your AAHPM username/password. Your CME certificate will be available to print or email upon successful completion of each learning module, while you are logged into your AAHPM account.*

**15. How many times can I take the learning module?**

*You can complete each learning module one full time - until the content is mastered (all questions are answered correctly and confidently two times). Once mastery is achieved, the learner will be able to review the content for the life of the product (August 2020).*

**16. How long do I have to complete the *learning* modules once I purchase them?**

*Once you begin a module, you are able to complete it at any time. There is no deadline to complete. However, the product is scheduled to expire in August 2020.*

**17. I'm having issues with the *learning* modules, whom should I call?**

*Contact AAHPM Member Services at 847-375-4712 or [info@aaahpm.org](mailto:info@aaahpm.org).*

**18. Can I preview the *Essentials* learning modules?**

*No, not at this time. AAHPM hopes to have a demo module available soon.*

**19. How many questions are in each confidence-based learning module?**

*There are 14-15 questions in each learning module.*

**20. Can I go back and review the questions after I've received my score?**

*Yes, you can go back and review the questions, answers and references for the life of the product. However, you will have access to the full learning experience of each module only one time.*

**21. Can I get a refund if I don't feel that the *learning* modules are what I expected?**

*No, AAHPM is not able to offer refunds on any online product.*

**22. The "evaluate" button does not work.**

*There is no evaluation component to the learning module. AAHPM is working to remove the evaluate button from the webpage.*