

## **2018 Annual Assembly Hospice & Palliative Care**

### **Purpose**

As leaders in promoting excellence in hospice and palliative care, AAHPM and HPNA combine their expertise to advance the field through education, thus meeting the joint goal of improving the quality of life for patients and families facing serious or life-threatening conditions.

### **Objectives**

The participant will be able to:

- Translate advances in clinical and scientific knowledge of advanced disease processes, symptoms, and symptom management into improved patient care.
- Assess patient pain and other symptoms and side effects, and recommend a care plan based upon best available evidence.
- Identify psychological, spiritual, social, and cultural aspects of patient care, and integrate support of those aspects of patient care into an overall plan of care.
- Apply sound communication principles with patients, families, and interdisciplinary teams.
- Develop patient plans of care that incorporate interdisciplinary assessments and symptom management across all domains of care that are ultimately based on the expressed values, goals, and needs of the patient and family.
- Identify ethical, regulatory and legal concerns related to hospice and palliative care.
- Discuss the effective strategies and challenges for the delivery and advocacy of hospice and palliative care in diverse settings.
- Identify new contacts for future collaboration.
- Facilitate future research in hospice and palliative care.
- Identify opportunities for enhanced self-care and resilience.
- Apply effective strategies using the hospice and palliative care competencies in teaching/learning situations.
- Identify opportunities and strategies for effective leadership within the field of hospice and palliative medicine.
- Identify opportunities to influence, initiate, maintain, and advance the practice and sustainability of hospice and palliative care within the changing healthcare environment.