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what you need to...

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**T**he American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) is the professional organization for physicians specializing in hospice and palliative medicine. Membership is also open to nurses and other healthcare providers who are committed to improving the quality of life for patients and families facing serious illness.

Since 1988 AAHPM has been the leading source of information, knowledge sharing, and professional development for hospice and palliative care professionals. In 2006 hospice and palliative medicine was recognized as a subspecialty of medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), and the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties (AOA BOS). Physicians from internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, surgery, emergency medicine, anesthesiology, obstetrics and gynecology, psychiatry and neurology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and radiology all find a home in hospice and palliative medicine.

### Reasons to join AAHPM

AAHPM provides continuing medical education, promotes quality and clinical practice standards, facilitates personal and professional development, fosters research, and engages in public policy advocacy.



# stay **connected**

## *networking opportunities*



Membership in AAHPM expands your professional possibilities. As a member, you will have unparalleled access to a network of valuable contacts, including an online membership directory that **puts you in touch** with other professionals who are **passionate about hospice and palliative medicine**.

**Special Interest Groups** offer opportunities to share strategies with other members on topics such as pediatric palliative medicine, long-term care, ethics, osteopathic

medicine, practice in rural areas, and others.

AAHPM offers a number of innovative activities for members to gain knowledge and experience with leaders in the field, including the Clinical Scholars Program, which offers focused clinical experiences to physicians at selected hospice and palliative care sites across the country, and the One-on-One Mentoring Program offered at the Annual Assembly.

# keep informed

## *professional resources and career opportunities*

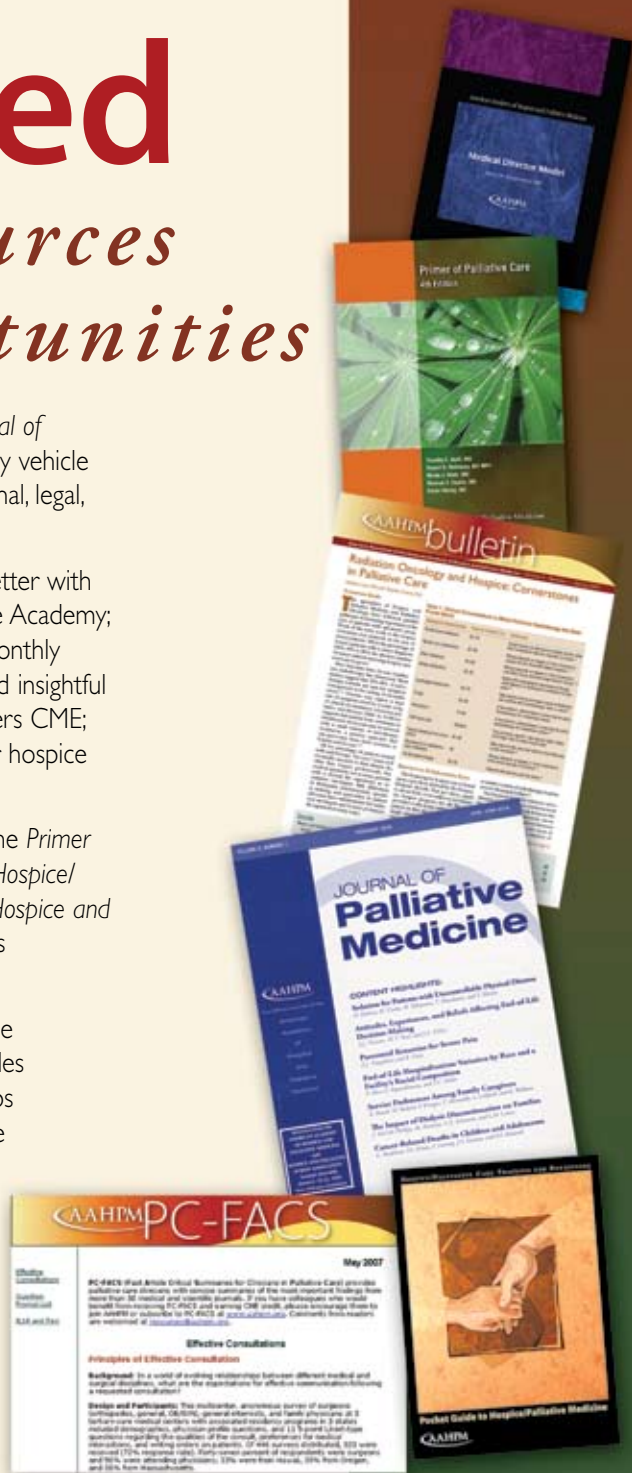
As a member of AAHPM, you will receive a **free subscription** to the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*—a **\$450 value**. The *Journal of Palliative Medicine*, a primary vehicle for the dissemination of research in the field, reports on the clinical, educational, legal, and ethical aspects of care for seriously ill and dying patients.

You will also receive free subscriptions to *AAHPM Bulletin*, a quarterly newsletter with important information about clinical practice and the ongoing activities of the Academy; *PC-FACS* (Fast Article Critical Summaries for Clinicians in Palliative Care), a monthly electronic “journal watch,” which includes concise, comprehensive reviews and insightful commentaries on key articles from 30 medical and scientific journals and offers CME; and *AAHPM E-News*, a monthly electronic bulletin of valuable information for hospice and palliative medical professionals.

Members are entitled to **discounts** on purchases of publications including the *Primer of Palliative Care*, the *Pocket Guide to Hospice/Palliative Medicine*, the *UNIPAC: Hospice/Palliative Care Training for Physicians* book series, and the *Clinical Essentials of Hospice and Palliative Medicine: Symptom Management and Disease Updates* CD-ROM, plus many more.

As a member, you can take advantage of a wealth of practical resources in the Members-Only area of the AAHPM Web site, [www.aahpm.org](http://www.aahpm.org), including guides to coding and billing for palliative medicine. The online AAHPM Jobmart keeps you informed about current **career opportunities** in hospice and palliative medicine in a variety of settings across the country.

AAHPM also has a representative in Washington, DC, supporting legislation to increase access to care and advocating for the professional interests of hospice and palliative care physicians.





**Comprehensive learning and networking opportunities** are offered in an atmosphere of **innovation and collaboration** at the interdisciplinary AAHPM Annual Assembly. The AAHPM Current Concepts in Palliative Care Course provides hospice and palliative care professionals with updates on research and clinical practice and a basis for review for the certification examination.

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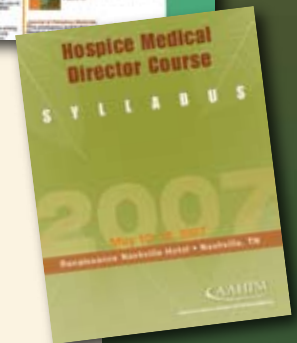
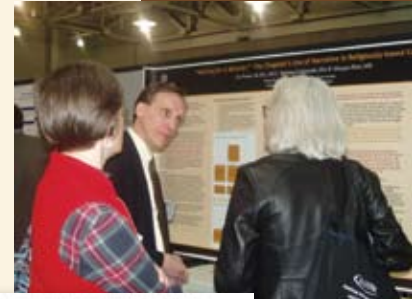
*courses, conferences, and other resources*

The AAHPM Hospice Medical Director Course prepares medical directors for administrative, regulatory, and clinical challenges and for success within the interdisciplinary team. As a member you will be entitled to a **significant registration discount** for these premier events.

AAHPM is committed to continuing to develop innovative resources and programs to help hospice and palliative care physicians prepare for the certification examination.

## **Join AAHPM today**

Whether **online, in print,** or **in person,** AAHPM offers the clinical information, resources, and connections that hospice and palliative care professionals need to alleviate suffering and promote quality of life for patients with severe illnesses and for their families. Put these valuable assets to work for you. Join AAHPM today.



**To join AAHPM online, go to [www.aahpm.org](http://www.aahpm.org), or mail completed application to AAHPM, 4700 W. Lake Ave, Glenview, IL, 60025.**

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Title \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address  Office  Home

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## Type of Membership

### **Physician** **\$375**

Practicing physician membership may be granted to individuals holding an MD, DO, or equivalent degree who are actively engaged in the field of hospice and palliative medicine.

### **Affiliate** **\$185**

Affiliate membership may be granted to any nonphysician professional with a demonstrated commitment to the purposes of the Academy.

### **International Corresponding** **Free**

Available to physicians at the postgraduate level for whom a significant portion of their professional activity is related to palliative care and who reside in a nation included on the HINARI lists of eligible countries. Applicants must provide documentation that they reside in an eligible country. International Corresponding members receive electronic access only to periodicals and may not vote, hold office, or serve on AAHPM committees or task forces.

### **Primary Hospice/Palliative Care Setting** (Select one)

- Clinical Private Practice  Community Hospital  For-Profit Hospice  Government (VA, NIH, etc.)  Home Health Agency  
 Nonprofit Hospice  Nursing Home Facility  University Health Center  Other

### **Professional Discipline** (Select one)

- Medicine  Ministry  Nursing  Pharmacy  Social Work  Other

### **Primary Specialty** (Select one)

- Anesthesiology  Emergency Medicine  Family Medicine  Internal Medicine  Obstetrics/Gynecology  Pediatrics  
 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  Psychiatry/Neurology  Radiology  Surgery  Other

### **Select the Special Interest Groups that you are interested in** (Choose all that apply)

- Ethics  Fellowship Directors  Heart Failure  Humanities  Long-Term Care  Osteopathic Medicine  
 Pediatric  Professionals in Training  Program Chiefs  Rural

## Payment

- Mastercard  Visa  American Express  Discover  Check enclosed (payable to AAHPM)

*Checks not in U.S. funds will be returned. A charge of \$20 will apply to checks returned for insufficient funds.*

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Membership dues may be deductible as an ordinary business expense. Consult your tax adviser for information.



American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

## What Is Palliative Medicine?

Palliative medicine is a newly recognized medical subspecialty that participates in comprehensive, skilled, interdisciplinary palliative team services for patients and families with life-threatening or severe advanced illness. Palliative care focuses on alleviating suffering and promoting quality of life, particularly

- pain and symptom management
- information sharing
- complex decision-making
- advance care planning
- psychosocial and spiritual support
- coordination of care among multiple disciplines and across multiple settings.



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