

In Memoriam: AAHPM Past President Dr. J. Andrew Billings

The hospice and palliative medicine community was saddened to learn about the death of Dr. J. Andrew Billings. Dr. Billings served as president of AAHPM in 1991 and was a co-recipient of the first AAHPM Project on Death in America (PDIA) Palliative Medicine National Leadership Award in 2006 with his wife and collaborator, Dr. Susan Block.

Dr. Billings began practicing medicine as a primary care physician in the 1970s and most recently served as co-director of the Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care in Boston. His special interests were psychosocial aspects of medicine and teaching the clinical interview, specifically end-of-life care and communication issues. Dr. Billings was one of several doctors profiled by the *NY Times* in 2013 on [How Doctors Die](#). Condolences are extended to his wife, Dr. Susan Block, his two sons, Josh and Gabe, and his many colleagues and friends in the hospice and palliative care community.