



## Palliative Nursing Summit

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association will join together with 24 other nursing organizations for a Palliative Nurses Summit on May 12, 2017, on the campus of George Washington University in Washington, DC.

### The Time is Right for Nursing to Lead

There are more than 3.6 million nurses in the United States. Individually and collectively, we make significant contributions daily to improve both the health of individuals and the healthcare of our country. Access to quality health care continues to be a national agenda priority, especially for people with a chronic serious illness and their families.

National initiatives have helped to set the stage by identifying significant opportunities to enhance our care delivery models and systems, such as:

- **The Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Triple Aim Goals,**
- **The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, supported by AARP and RWJF,**
- **Initiatives of the National Academy of Sciences,**
- **Initiatives of the CMS Innovation Center,** and
- **The AACN's CARES Document.**

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) and the American Nurses Association (ANA) have worked collaboratively over the last year on a Professional Issues Panel on Palliative and Hospice Nursing. This panel included representation from additional specialty nursing organizations. The panel has developed *Call for Action: Nurses Lead and Transform Palliative Care*, projected to be released in April 2017.

The time is right for the nursing community to create a collaborative agenda to focus on how nurses lead and transform care for individuals and their families who are facing serious illnesses.

### A Collaborative Agenda Will Drive Action

Nurses across most nursing specialties incorporate basic elements of primary palliative care into their practice. Nursing has a unique opportunity to work collectively, to develop a shared framework and consensus agenda to enhance the integration of primary palliative care across all nursing specialties.

The goal of the **Palliative Nursing Summit** is to convene leaders from nursing specialty organizations to develop a collaborative nursing agenda and action plan focused on three aspects of primary palliative care:

- **Communication and advance care planning.** The facilitation of advance care planning discussions is inherent in palliative nursing practice, through which nurses advocate for patients, support self-determination, and integrate patient and family values into the plan of care.
- **Coordination/transition of care.** The deliberate organization of patient care activities to facilitate the appropriate delivery and transition of health care services across disciplines and settings.
- **Pain and symptom management.** Prevention and treatment of pain and symptoms of disease, including side effects of treatment and psychological, social, and spiritual care related to a disease or its treatment.

More than 25 nursing organizations have committed to participating in the **Palliative Nursing Summit**. Each organization identified content experts in each of the areas. These experts are contributing their insights and recommendations regarding nursing's strengths, weaknesses and greatest opportunities within the three focus areas. This and other resource information will be utilized as background for the work to be done in group sessions at the summit.

Facilitators will lead the group to develop a collaborative nursing agenda to show how nurses lead change and thus transform the delivery of palliative care in our country. This consensus will lead us to an implementation plan based on the recommendations from the summit.

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**The Future of Population Health:  
Nurses Leading Change and Transforming Care**

Communication & Advance Care Planning | Coordination of Care | Pain & Symptom Management

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- Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) – 11,350 members
- Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN) – 6,000 members
- American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN) – 3,000 members
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses – 100,000 members
- American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) – 3,400 members
- American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) – 70,000 members
- American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) – 4,500 members
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) – 10,000 members
- American Nurses Association (ANA)
- American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) – 10,000 members
- American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN) – 1,300 members
- Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing (ARIN) – 2,000 members
- Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON) – 3,600 members
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) – 40,000 members
- Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) – 3,100 member
- Home Healthcare Nurses Association (HHNA)
- Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association – 12,500 members
- Infusion Nurses Society (INS) – 6,500 members
- International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS) – 1,900 members
- National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) – 2,000 members
- National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA) – 21,000 members
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) – 8,500 members
- Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA) – 51,000 members
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) – 37,000 members
- Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN) – 4,000 members

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