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## **2013 Distinguished Career Achievement Award Recipient Announced**

**PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 21, 2013**—The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) has announced that **Patricia Berry, PhD RN ACHPN<sup>®</sup> FAAN FPCN**, is the recipient of its **2013 Distinguished Career Achievement Award**. The HPNA Distinguished Career Achievement Award is provided by the HPNA Board of Directors to an individual who has made a major contribution in the area of research and development, career, and/or education in palliative nursing. The award was presented at the 2013 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) / HPNA Annual Assembly in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Berry is Associate Professor of Education and Practice at the University of Utah and serves as Associate Director of the Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence. Her scholarly works have focused on pain and symptom management, palliative and end of life care, especially the institutionalized elderly. She has published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals and co-authored the book entitled: End of Life care: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Advance Practice Nurses. This book was selected as an American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year in 2003.

Dr. Berry also coordinated the project that produced the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations pain assessment and management standards. As a member of the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses (NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>), Dr. Berry was involved in the development of the hospice and palliative advanced practice nursing certification examination and renewal process. She served as member and as Chair of NBCHPN<sup>®</sup>'s Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Exam Development Committee. Currently there are over 760 nurses with this credential Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN<sup>®</sup>).

Dr. Berry was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2009 and as a Fellow in Palliative Care Nursing by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association in 2012.

“Speaking on behalf of HPNA’s nearly 11,000 nursing members, we are excited to formally celebrate the career of Dr. Patricia Berry,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPNA.** “Dr. Berry’s vision and passion for palliative nursing will positively impact our entire nursing specialty for years to come.”

## **About HPNA**

Celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary, with nearly 11,000 members, the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is a national non-profit organization of nursing professionals specializing in the specialty of palliative nursing across the life span continuum. Its mission is to lead the way to promote excellence in the provision of palliative nursing care through leadership development, education and the support of research in the field. Established in 1986, HPNA is the only nursing organization of its kind. It is part of the Alliance for Excellence in Hospice and Palliative Nursing which includes the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation and the National Board for Certification of Hospice and Palliative Nurses. Together, the organizations are working to lead the way in the advancement of the rapidly growing and increasingly important palliative care nursing specialty. To learn more, visit HPNA at [www.hpna.org](http://www.hpna.org), call 412.787.9301, or email [hpna@hpna.org](mailto:hpna@hpna.org).

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