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2013 Distinguished Researcher Award Recipient Announced

PITTSBURGH, PA, MARCH 28, 2013—The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) has announced **Susan C. McMillan, PhD ARNP FAAN**, as the recipient of the **2013 Distinguished Researcher Award**. The HPNA Distinguished Researcher Award recognizes a nurse who has demonstrated longevity and consistency in hospice and palliative nursing research presentations and publications in a variety of peer reviewed journals. This prestigious award was presented on March 16th at the 2013 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) / HPNA Annual Assembly in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. McMillan is Distinguished University Health Professor at the University of South Florida (USF), College of Nursing and the Center for Hospice Palliative Care and End of Life Studies. She founded the Center for Hospice Palliative Care and End of Life Studies at USF as a research interest group in 1996. The Center's monthly meetings offer research support for doctoral students and faculty.

Dr. McMillan is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. She has also received numerous awards, including the Distinguished Nurse Researcher Award given by Southern Nursing Research Society and the Award for Consistency and Excellence of Contributions to the Oncology Nursing Literature by the Oncology Nursing Society. Dr. McMillan has published a multitude of papers in refereed journals, focusing on symptom management and quality of life issues for patients and caregivers. As a member of the HPNA Research Committee, she contributed to development of the first HPNA Research Agenda 2009-2012.

“Dr. McMillan’s dedication to quality research has influenced palliative care and countless families across the country,” said **Sally Welsh, MSN RN NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer of HPNA**. “Her exceptional work makes it a privilege to announce her as HPNA’s 2013 Distinguished Researcher Award winner.”

About HPNA

Celebrating its 27th 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, call 412.787.9301, or email hpna@hpna.org.

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