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## **HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE NURSES FOUNDATION (HPNF) ANNOUNCES 2014 PDIA NURSING LEADERSHIP AWARD**

PITTSBURGH, PA, March 31, 2014 – The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) has announced that Kathryn Lanz, DNP, AGPCNP, ACHPN®, is the recipient of the 2014 Project on Death in America (PDIA) Nursing Leadership Award in Palliative Care. The honor was presented March 13, 2014 at the AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly in San Diego, CA.

The HPNF PDIA Nursing Leadership Award in Palliative Care honors a nurse who has emerged as a leader in the health care field through his/her work in improving care for patients at end of life and their families. The focus of the Nursing Leadership Award in Palliative Care is to transform our society's medical culture and give priority to education, training, and clinical service in end-of-life care issues. By publicizing the activities and efforts of nursing leaders, and their impact on improving end-of-life care, the Hospice and Palliative Nurse Foundation furthers the mission of Project on Death in America to understand and transform the culture and experience of dying and bereavement.

Kathryn Lanz was recognized for her demonstrated leadership in the following areas: 1) clinical care by improving access to palliative care for frail older adults; 2) education by supporting and training advance practice nurses in a combination of geriatric syndromes and palliative care competence in preparation to care for the growing population; and 3) administration by sharing knowledge with local, state and national stakeholders based on the results of the integration of gero-palliative services in long-term care.

In 2001, Dr. Lanz began her hospice and palliative career as a hospice nurse at the Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro, NC. After spending a decade providing bedside care, she witnessed the lack of access and barriers frail older adult face in the community. She made it her mission to improve communication and quality care. In 2010, she earned her doctor of nursing practice from Vanderbilt University and began her focus on culture change initiatives within health systems. Over the last three years she has helped UPMC develop access to geriatric-palliative nurse practitioners in over 25 different nursing homes in Western Pennsylvania touching over 3,000 patient lives. Dr. Lanz is adjunct faculty at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing and also serves as the co-principle investigator for a multi-million Medicare funded demonstration initiative to assist with reducing avoidable hospitalizations using evidence based nursing interventions in nursing facilities entitled RAVEN.

The Hospice and Palliative Nurse Foundation is honored to present the 2014 PDIA Nursing Leadership Award in Palliative Care to Dr. Kathryn Lanz for her countless contributions to the palliative care field.

**About the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation**

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance expert care in serious illness. HPNF provides professional development opportunities to HPNA members and NBCHPN® certificants with scholarships for education, conferences and certification along with nursing research grants and leadership awards. In 2014 HPNF will offer 45 opportunities and the Foundation looks forward to continuing to increase this commitment. HPNF depends on the generous spirit of individuals, families, organizations and corporations and raises funds through appeals, giving circles, planned giving, special events, merchandise promotions, and corporate partnerships. Gifts can be made online, by mail, or by telephone where you can be personally assisted. Please visit our website at [www.hpnf.org](http://www.hpnf.org), or call us at 1-412-787-9301 for assistance.