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Cama Receives 2015 HPCC CHPCA® Certificant of the Year Award

Melanie Cama, the hospice and palliative care program manager of Middlesex Hospital Homecare, was presented the award during the 2015 American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)/HPNA Annual Assembly in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH (March 3, 2015) – Melanie Cama, RN, BSN, MSN, CHPCA®, the hospice and palliative care program manager of Middlesex Hospital Homecare, is the recipient of the 2015 HPCC CHPCA® Certificant of the Year Award, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center announced today. Cama was selected for her contributions to end-of-life care.

Cama received her CHPCA® certification in 2013 and had CHPN® certification from 2005-2013. She has served in her current role since 2002 and has worked tirelessly to promote palliative care within the hospital system. She has also assisted with the development of an evidence-based palliative care tool to identify patients appropriate for a palliative care consult, called the Decisions to Aid in Palliative Care Referrals (DAPR).

Cama's ability and desire to communicate, always remain positive, and to make changes, when appropriate has sustain and improved the program at Middlesex Hospital Homecare. She has been recognized not only for her skills as a leader, but also for her emphasis on staff support. Cama ensures that staff have ample time to reflect on losses, release and vent appropriately, and cherish the work that we do.

About HPCC

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