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### **Dodson Receives 2015 HPCC ACHPN® Certificant of the Year Award**

***Gwen Dodson, an adult nurse practitioner in palliative care at Duke University Medical Center, 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) – Gwen Dodson, RN, MSN, APN-BC, ACHPN®, an adult nurse practitioner in palliative care at Duke University Medical Center, is the recipient of the 2015 HPCC ACHPN® Certificant of the Year Award, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center announced today. Dodson was selected for her contributions to end-of-life care.

Dodson received her ACHPN® certification in 2012 and is the current treasurer of the Triangle Chapter of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. She has served on the planning committee for the chapter's annual Journey to Life's End conference for the past five years.

With a focus on evidence-based, comprehensive, individualized patient/family care, Dodson is the epitome of compassion and commitment. She is a remarkable problem-solver who often goes above and beyond to meet patients' needs in very challenging situations. Dodson contributes to the education of other health care professional as an ELNEC educator and lecturer for CHPN® certification review courses.

Dodson has presented on palliative care topics regionally and nationally. Her commitment to research is demonstrated in her ongoing work to demonstrate the impact of palliative care in persons with chronic heart failure.

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