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## **25 Specialty Nursing Organizations Join with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association for a Palliative Nursing Summit May 12 in Washington DC**

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) is convening a Palliative Nursing Summit on May 12, 2017 in Washington D.C., hosted by the George Washington University School of Nursing. Leaders and representatives from 26 specialty nursing organizations will develop a collaborative nursing agenda and action plan focused on three aspects of primary palliative nursing: Communication and Advance Care Planning, Coordination / Transitions of Care, and Pain and Symptom Management.

***"We are incredibly excited to be able to join with so many quality nursing organizations, to help develop a framework for nurses across many specialties to enhance the delivery of primary palliative nursing care for both individuals and families, whenever and wherever they need it," said Sally Welsh, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Chief Executive Officer, Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.***

The objectives of the meeting are to identify both the current state of and the greatest opportunities in the three identified aspects of primary palliative nursing. The post meeting objectives are to develop an implementation plan, and to identify strategies to address the greatest opportunities to help nursing transform the care and culture of serious illness.

National initiatives over the last few years have helped set the stage for this summit by identifying significant opportunities to enhance care delivery models and systems. Those gathering from the nursing community at the summit will help create a collaborative agenda to focus on how nurses lead and transform care for individuals and their families who are facing serious illness.

Attending organizations include the Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN), Academy of Neonatal Nursing (ANN), American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN), American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN), American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA), American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), American Nurses Association (ANA), American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA), American Society for Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN), Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing (ARIN), Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (APHON), Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), Gerontological

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Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA), Home Healthcare Nurses Association (HHNA), Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA), Infusion Nurses Society (INS), International Transplant Nurses Society (ITNS), National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS), National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA), National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA), Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), and the Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN). These organizations collectively represent over 610,000 members. The summit is also supported through the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and hosted by the George Washington University School of Nursing.

The Palliative Nursing Summit was made possible through grants from the Milbank Foundation and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation.

Those interested in the Palliative Nursing Summit can follow along through social media on Twitter and Facebook by using the **#palliative**, **#nursingsummit**, and **#nursing** hashtags. Additional information is online at [advancingexpertcare.org/palliative-nursing-summit](http://advancingexpertcare.org/palliative-nursing-summit).

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#### **About HPNA**

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association was established in 1986 and is the national professional organization that represents the specialty of palliative nursing, which includes hospice and palliative nurses. HPNA has over 11,500 members and 50 chapters nationally. HPNA works together with the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation to promote our mission, to advance expert care in serious illness, and our vision, to transform the care and culture of serious illness. Visit [hpna.advancingexpertcare.org](http://hpna.advancingexpertcare.org) to learn more.