



Palliative Nursing Summit

The Future of Population Health: Nurses Leading Change and Transforming Care

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Update on Post Palliative Nursing Summit Activities

1. The **Summary Report** from the Palliative Nursing Summit (<http://advancingexpertcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/PNS-Summary-Report.pdf>). We look forward to any comments you may have after you review the report.
2. Since ACP was a major topic at the summit, IHI - The Conversation Project and HPNA have partnered to offer a **free webinar** to the members of the nursing specialty organizations who participated in the Palliative Nursing Summit. This course will be held on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 3:30pm ET. (**Championing End-of-Life Conversations: The Conversation Project**) <http://app.ihi.org/events/SelectAttendee.aspx?New=1&EventId=3052>). This program offers a 1.0 CE at no charge. Please share this information with your membership. A promotional flyer on this program is also attached.
3. HPNA has submitted a **grant application** to support the development of an education program on ACP for nurses. Due to the priorities of the potential funder, the emphasis of the grant application was a program for nurses to teach individuals age 65 and older. We appreciate The Gerontological Advance Practice Nurses Association's (GAPNA) support for this initiative. We expect to hear about the outcome of our request in December and will keep you posted. If funding is approved, the education product would be available to all nurses once developed.
4. Update on one of the regulatory issues discussed at the Palliative Nursing Summit. **Pain** management questions will be dropped from hospital surveys. Medicare will remove from hospital surveys a trio of questions asking patients how well their pain was managed, CMS said in a [final rule](#) published August 14, 2017. Instead, the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Survey will focus on hospitals' communication with patients about pain during hospital stays. The changes start in January. HCAHPS results are publicly reported on sites like Hospital Compare, which patients can use to determine where they might want to be treated. The Obama administration last year removed pain-management scores from its Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Model. Public health officials believe that doctors concerned about patients' pain management scores are more likely to issue potentially addictive painkillers.



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5. **HPNA Position Statements Endorsements** – HPNA recently updated 2 new Position Statements listed below. If your association is interested in endorsing the Position Statements, please contact me.
 - **Physician Assisted Suicide/Physician Assisted Death**
<http://advancingexpertcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Physician-Assisted-Death-Physician-Assisted-Suicide.pdf>
 - **Guidelines for the Role of the RN and APRN When Hastened Death is Requested**
<http://advancingexpertcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Guidelines-for-RN-and-APRN-When-Hastened-Death-Requested.pdf>
6. Here is a link to an **article**, which includes some information about how an ICU nurse, influenced a nephrologist to look at “palliative care” and the physician is now certified in hospice and palliative medicine – It is an interesting read.
http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/883617?nlid=117152_785&src=WNL_mdplsfeat_170808_mscpedit_nurs&uac=168947HX&spon=24&impID=1406406&faf=1
7. Four **articles** that highlight the work conducted at the Palliative Nursing Summit have been submitted to the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing (**JHPN**). If accepted, these articles would be published in the January-February 2018 issue. Thanks to the PNS participants who served as co-authors for these articles.

Stay tuned for future updates.

Thanks,

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