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HPNA Names 2022 Fellows in Palliative Care Nursing

The designation of Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) Fellow in Palliative Care Nursing (FPCN) is bestowed upon HPNA members who have made significant contributions to HPNA, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC), and/or the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF), while also impacting the field of palliative nursing. HPNA fellows are leading the way for the future of palliative nursing as clinicians, researchers, managers, and advocates.

HPNA has designated the following individuals as 2022 fellows. They will be recognized February 9–12 at the 2022 Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Care in Nashville, Tennessee.

- **Vanessa Battista, DNP, MBA, MS, RN, CPNP-PC, CHPPN**
  Dr. Battista is a board-certified pediatric nurse practitioner (PNP) and currently serves as senior nurse director of palliative care at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Previously, she practiced as a PNP on the pediatric advanced care team at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), as well as the neuromuscular centers at CHOP, Columbia University Medical Center, and Children’s Hospital of Boston. She was also a member of the clinical faculty at Boston College Connell School of Nursing, where she developed the pediatric palliative care master’s subspecialty program. Dr. Battista also serves as a board member and consultant for various organizations that provide services for patients and families living with life-threatening diseases. She lectures, teaches, and is a member of the End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) pediatric faculty. Dr. Battista is an active reviewer for publications and grants and has authored several book chapters and articles. She was a Jonas Nursing Scholar and the recipient of the ELNEC Award for Excellence, the Distinguished Young Alumni Award from Columbia University, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Leadership Award from Johns Hopkins University. She also earned clinical master status among advanced practice providers at CHOP.
• **DorAnne Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC, ACHPN, ATSF**
  Dr. Donesky is a nurse practitioner for inpatient palliative care services at Queen of the Valley Medical Center and professor emeritus of clinical nursing at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). She is founder and nurse lead of the UCSF Interprofessional Palliative Care Continuing Education Course and first author of the *Oxford Textbook of Interprofessional Palliative Care* (2022). She is a 2016–2018 Cambia Sojourns Scholar and a 2016–2018 Macy Faculty Scholar. Dr. Donesky is part of the HPNA Dyspnea Workgroup, HPNA Leadership Task Force, and HPCC ACHPN Situational Judgment Exercise Committee.

• **Erica Frechman, PhD(c), AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN, NEA-BC**
  Dr. Frechman is a team leader of an interdisciplinary inpatient palliative care team at Atrium Health Cabarrus. She is a 2016–2017 Duke-Johnson & Johnson Nurse Leader Fellow and was the recipient of the 2019 HPCC ACHPN of the Year Award. Dr. Frechman served on the Annual Assembly Planning Committee and the HPNA Advance Care Planning Task Force, and she was a reviewer for the Sigma Theta Tau International/HPNF End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant. She is currently the co-chair for the HPNA Emerging Scholars Research Special Interest Group and has served as a subject-matter expert in the development of leadership curricula and advanced practice nursing education modules with HPNA. Dr. Frechman’s research focuses on planning for aging and frailty, and she has published on advance care planning, gerontology, nurse burnout, and well-being in hospice and palliative care.

• **Kimberly A. Frier, DNP, APRN-CNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN**
  Dr. Frier is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and James Cancer Hospital, providing outpatient symptom management and goals-of-care exploration for oncology patients. She currently serves as Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Council chair for APP shared governance at her institution. Dr. Frier received the James Cancer Hospital Award for Pain Management Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year in 2016. She is a founding member of the Central Ohio Chapter of HPNA, a member of the Annual Assembly Abstract Review Committee, and an HPNA-approved educator. Dr. Frier has presented her research at numerous national conferences and was named Best in Poster Category–Evidence-Based Practice at the 11th Annual APP Conference.
About HPNA
The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) was established in 1986 and is the national professional organization that represents the specialty of hospice and palliative care nursing. HPNA works to advance nursing expertise in hospice and palliative care through education, advocacy, leadership, and research with the vision that every person living with serious illness receives equitable, comprehensive, and innovative hospice and palliative nursing care. Learn more at hpna.org.

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