



HPNA Public Policy Guiding Principles

HPNA acts independently and with collaborating organizations to address hospice and palliative care issues at the national, state, local and regional levels. HPNA bases its public policy/advocacy positions and actions on the following guiding principles.

1. HPNA asserts that it is the responsibility and obligation of clinicians to address hospice and palliative care public policy and regulatory issues that impact the health related quality of life of patients and caregivers living with serious illness.
2. HPNA takes a leadership and advocacy role to ensure equitable access to comprehensive palliative care as defined by the National Consensus Project Clinical Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, across the life span and illness continuums. HPNA serves on the Steering Committee of the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care. HPNA also works collaboratively with other national coalitions.
3. HPNA works independently and collaboratively to promote ethical and competent provision of hospice and palliative care based upon the expressed goals of the patient and family caregivers.
4. HPNA takes a leadership and advocacy role in regulatory issues and public education regarding the legitimate use and appropriate access to medications.
5. HPNA advocates for nursing workforce funding and professional education issues as they impact hospice and palliative care.
6. HPNA advocates for equitable funding for hospice and palliative care research.
7. HPNA supports improved access to comprehensive health care for appropriate management of physical and emotional symptoms that allows patients to achieve the highest quality of life through the relief of suffering in all of its manifestations.

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