

# Resources for Palliative Care

## State Resources

❖ **Connecticut State Palliative Care Advisory Council Website:**

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3117&q=537876>

❖ **Care Decisions Connecticut:**

<https://caredecisionsct.org/>

Care Decisions Connecticut was created by the Connecticut Hospital Association, in collaboration with healthcare partners across the continuum of care and state government. The goal of Care Decisions Connecticut is to integrate patient-directed care strategies to improve palliative/hospice care and quality of life for persons in Connecticut with serious illnesses.

❖ **Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home (CAHCH):**

<http://www.cahch.org>

The Connecticut Association for Healthcare at Home is the largest member group of home health and hospice care leaders championing home-based solutions to foster cost-effective, person-centered healthcare in the setting people prefer most - their own home. Hospice agencies are listed at:

<https://m360.cthealthcareathome.org/frontend/search.aspx?cs=3222>

❖ **Connecticut Coalition to Improve End of Life Care:**

<https://www.ctendoflifecare.org/>

The mission of the Coalition is to improve the care of people who are dying and their families in the state of CT and to ensure that every individual has information about and access to compassionate, quality end-of-life care.

❖ **Connecticut Cancer Partnership:**

<http://ctcancerpartnership.org/>

The Connecticut Cancer Partnership is a broad and diverse coalition of individuals and organizations representing stakeholders in Connecticut's cancer community. Its overall goal is to reduce the burden of cancer (incidence, morbidity, mortality, and disability) and to improve the quality of life of people with cancer in Connecticut.

The 2014 -2017 Connecticut Cancer Plan includes sections addressing both palliative care and hospice care needs in the state. [CT Cancer Partnership: Palliative & Hospice Committee](#)

## National Resources:

### ❖ **National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care(NCP):**

<http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org>

*"The purpose of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care is to promote the implementation of **Clinical Practice Guidelines** that ensure care of consistent and high quality, and that guide the development and structure of new and existing palliative care services."*

### **NCP Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care 3<sup>rd</sup> edition 2013.**

The *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care* promote quality palliative care, foster consistent and high standards in palliative care, and encourage continuity of care across settings.

[http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org/NCP\\_Clinical\\_Practice\\_Guidelines\\_3rd\\_Edition.pdf](http://www.nationalconsensusproject.org/NCP_Clinical_Practice_Guidelines_3rd_Edition.pdf)

**NCP Clinical Practice Guidelines 4<sup>th</sup> Edition** is scheduled for publication summer 2018. The goal of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the NCP Guidelines is to improve access to quality palliative care for all people with serious illness, regardless of setting diagnosis, prognosis, or age. <https://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/ncp-guidelines-2018/>

National Consensus Task Force members:

### ❖ **American Academy of Hospice & Palliative Medicine (AAHPM):**

<http://www.aahpm.org>

The Academy is the professional organization for physicians specializing in hospice and palliative medicine and is dedicated to expanding access of patients and families to high quality palliative care, and advancing the discipline of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, through professional education and training, development of a specialist workforce, support for clinical practice standards, research and public policy.

For details about board certification in hospice & palliative medicine:

<http://www.aahpm.org/certification/default/index.html>

### ❖ **Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC):** <http://www.capc.org>

CAPC provides health care professionals with the tools, training and technical assistance necessary to start and sustain successful palliative care programs in hospitals and other health care settings.

CAPC maintains a state by state report card on access to palliative care in our nation's hospitals. Find the CT report at: <http://www.capc.org/reportcard>

❖ **Hospice & Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA):** <http://www.hpna.org>

HPNA is the nation's largest and oldest professional nursing organization dedicated to promoting excellence in palliative nursing care.

For details about board certification in hospice & palliative nursing care:

<http://www.nbchpn.org>

❖ **National Association of Social Workers (NASW):**

<http://www.socialworkers.org>

NASW is the membership organization for social workers. It has developed standards for social work practice in palliative & end of life care, and offers specialty certification.

❖ **Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO):**

<http://www.nhpco.org>

NHPCO is the largest nonprofit membership organization representing hospice and palliative care programs and professionals in the United States. The organization is committed to improving end of life care and expanding access to hospice care with the goal of profoundly enhancing quality of life for people dying in America and their loved ones.

❖ **National Palliative Care Research Center (NPCRC):**

<http://www.npcrc.org>

NPCRC is committed to stimulating, developing, and funding research directed at improving care for seriously ill patients and their families.

Other National Resources for Palliative Care:

❖ **Mapping Community Palliative Care Project:**

<https://mapping.capc.org/>

Mapping Community Palliative Care is building a comprehensive inventory of community palliative care programs across health care settings.

The project will support the expansion of community palliative care by identifying models of service delivery and providing summary and comparative data for the field. And it will make it easier for patients, families, caregivers, and practitioners to find palliative care services in their community.

If you are a community-based palliative care program, put yourself on the map!

❖ **Get Palliative Care:**

<https://getpalliativecare.org/provider-directory/>

The Palliative Care Provider Directory is a resource to help locate palliative care in different areas of the country.

❖ **Hospice Compare:**

<https://www.medicare.gov/hospicecompare/>

Hospice Compare reports information on hospices across the nation and allows patients, family members, and health care providers to get a snapshot of the quality of care each hospice provides. You can compare hospices based on important indicators of quality, like the percentage of patients checked for pain or who are asked about their preferences for life-sustaining treatment.