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# Hospice And Palliative Care Handbook: Quality, Compliance, And Reimbursement



## Synopsis

HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE HANDBOOK includes everything hospice and palliative care providers need to know. For each of the hospice-related clinical problems presented, the handbook offers detailed standards and documentation guidelines including ICD-9 Diagnostic Codes, NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses, service skills, including the skills of the interdisciplinary hospice care team, outcomes and goals, and specific tips for reimbursement and quality. This compact, easy-to-use handbook is the only guide that offers clinicians complete coverage of all hospice-related conditions with practical and specific guidance for hospice care and documentation. It takes the guesswork out of hospice goals, interventions, and outcomes. Offers consistently formatted clinical care guidelines in an easy-to-access alphabetical order that give hospice and palliative care providers direction for careplan development and symptom control. Provides practical tips for effective documentation for common hospice diagnoses/clinical conditions, designed to meet the requirement of third party payors such as Medicare and ensure quality care. Lists safety considerations in each clinical guideline so that hospice care providers can easily review safety risk points by patient problem or diagnosis. Lists ICD-9 codes for each clinical diagnosis or problem necessary for completing HCFA billing forms. Identifies services for each clinical problem, including skilled and unskilled services appropriate for the interdisciplinary team to perform, so that health care providers know the correct procedures for a given problem. Identifies the outcomes of care for each member of the interdisciplinary hospice team so that the entire team works in a complimentary way toward the same goal. Addresses the spiritual and psychosocial concerns of hospice patients and their families to help hospice team members provide complete care. Integrates alternative treatment modalities such as music and massage therapies to cover the entire range of available interventions. Includes patient, family, and caregiver education so that health care providers can supply clients with necessary information. Includes the most current NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses associated with each clinical problem to help hospice nurses identify the nursing diagnoses that apply to particular patients. Includes resources for care and practice that direct the providers to useful sources to improve patient care and enhance their professional practice. Provides pain assessment and management resources to help hospice and palliative care providers assist patients with this common but critical problem. Offers numerous sample forms and tools that can be used for patient assessment, note-taking, planning, and documentation. Includes hospice definitions, roles, and abbreviations; NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses; and community resources. Offers orientation guidelines for clinicians and administrators entering the new and rapidly expanding hospice specialty. Provides review exercises that are especially useful in the

orientation of new members of the interdisciplinary hospice team.

## **Book Information**

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This book is directed at home health based programs who also care for the terminally ill. It is not specific to hospice care under medicare reimbursement. It is of little use to nurses working in hospice care and at times is very inappropriate in its advice for the care of terminally ill patients.

Having over ten reference books of Hospice nursing in my library, I too felt this book was inadequate for its' intended audience. I also lay issue with companies that are Hospice AND Home Health. IMHO, a company can be satisfactory at both, but excel at neither. After twelve years of specializing in only the field of Hospice nursing, I still fall back to my symptom management books by Peter Kaye, MD. While most physicians and nurses were deciphering algorythms, Dr. Kaye was setting the standard. I am proud to say I cut my teeth on his first Hospice pocket guide. Reading and studying this book alone, I was able to pass the CHPN the first time it was offered. I have since purchased other guides on Hospice care, but still referred back to Dr. Kaye. When my copy fell apart, I was thrilled to see that he had written the 'A-Z Pocketbook of Symptom Management' which is just as informative and still includes the favorites such as true Hospice emergencies, pain control, description and analysis of most of the types of cancer, etc. Why try to reinvent the wheel when Dr. Kaye has perfected it.

This handbook is a must have for any nurse who is working in hospice. The book is clear, easy to read and apply to your practice.

I am the Adminstrator of a Hospice and Home Health Agency and recently bought this book for our staff to use on a routine basis. To date I have had nothing but positive comments from the staff on its comprehensiveness and its ease of use. Despite the fact that I am an administrator and not a clinical person, I found the book easy to read and excellent in providing critical clinical and administrative detail to help in the day-to-day and moment-to-moment issues that we deal with in Hospice.

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