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Dear Advanced Nursing colleagues,

The Providence Alaska Medical Center Palliative Care team is proud and eager to announce that the Providence Alaska Foundation has provided a generous grant to fund development of a Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Training Program. PAMC Palliative Care will collaborate with the Providence Alaska Spiritual Care Department to add one Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) Fellow and one Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Resident. These new Fellowships will run in conjunction with the Palliative Care Physician Fellowship which has been in place here at PAMC for nine years.

As the Director of the Palliative Care NP Fellowship, I am excited to notify ANPs of two important opportunities specific to the ANP portion of the grant. The first, a Palliative Care ANP Fellowship, is a one year learning commitment with our Palliative Care team and is expected to begin in July of 2016. This learner will work with inpatient and outpatient Palliative Care providers, as well as with other providers within the community, such as Providence Hospice. The Fellow will be guided through various educational opportunities and encouraged to complete a project promoting the growth of Palliative Care. One of the educational opportunities will include a weekly lecture series to help prepare the Fellow to sit for the Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN) Certification examination through the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center.

The weekly lectures series will aim to not only prepare the Fellow to sit for the board certification, but also as an opportunity to grow the Palliative Care network throughout Alaska. Our aim is to support experientially trained ANPs who work with patients facing life-altering illness towards obtaining their ACHPN certification. The lecture series will be once a week either as on-site or a web based option. There will be an opportunity, for those interested, to receive financial support towards the ACHPN examination through Palliative Care foundation funds. This certification requires national ANP licensure, 500 hours of Palliative Care clinical experience, and passing the examination. In addition, we are looking for persons interested in presenting a class for the lecture series.



In conclusion, we want to keep interested people informed, so please complete a questionnaire via Survey Monkey (the below topics will be addressed) at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQ69K5N>

1. You or someone you know is interested to learn more about the fellowship
2. You are interested in participating in the lecture series, along with being supported to obtain ACHPN certification to strengthen your current practice with patients facing serious illness
3. You are willing to be a speaker for the lecture series
4. You want to be notified of lectures even without interest in pursuing specialty certification

We look forward to working with you to develop and grow Palliative Care throughout our state.

Sincerely,

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