Greetings,

At our March meeting, we will identify and recognize attendees who have become certified through the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC). According to the HPNA’s position statement:

“Specialty certification remains the most effective way of assuring nursing personnel at any level of practice (nursing assistant, licensed practical/vocational nurse, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse) have the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe, high-quality care to the public. Certification for other palliative care team members also demonstrates commitment, expertise, and continuing competence in the specialty. A positive relationship exists between certified nurses and feelings of workplace empowerment.”

I couldn’t agree more; certification is valuable and elevates the care provided in Hospice and Palliative care settings. Clinical outcomes have been improved and more effective communication and collaboration have been achieved when certified nurses are involved.

I would love to see you and your teammates at the March meeting to celebrate your accomplishments; we will also have a great interdisciplinary discussion about approaching total pain.

Jan Tillinger, BSN, RN, CHPN

Reference:

Upcoming Program: March 20th, 2019

Program: Total Pain: An Interdisciplinary Approach

Presenters: Deana Birkenheuer, MSN, RN, CHPN, RN-BC, Monnie Caine, M.Div, BCC & Jody Mitchell, LISW

Dinner 6:00 pm, Meeting 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 pm at the West Chester Hospital, Plaza A Conference Rm

Register at ctchpna.nursingnetwork.com
As nurses, we can be important advocates at the bedside for our patients. We can also play a vital role in ensuring that policymakers understand the benefits of hospice and palliative care and how our patients and even our own families are impacted by the latest health policy proposals.

AAHPM’s Legislative Action Center makes it simple to review legislation relevant to you, share your perspectives with your representatives in Congress, and begin building relationships that are key to ensuring sound health policy. You can reach the Legislative Action Center and information on key issues on the AAHPM Take Action page.

How can you help now? Support the Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act

The Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act (PCHETA) has been reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. Review a bill summary here. AAHPM is working to maintain bipartisan support for the bill, contacting the Energy & Commerce Committee and previous Republican co-sponsors. Go to the Legislative Action Center for links to see if your representative is on the list, and then urge their support of H.R. 647!