



*Leading the way to promote excellence in the provision of hospice and palliative nursing care in West Michigan, through leadership development, education, and the support of research in the field.*

**Website:** <https://wmhpna.nursingnetwork.com>

**Membership:** The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) was established in 1986 and is the national professional organization that represents the specialty of palliative nursing, which includes hospice and palliative nurses. HPNA supports the profession through education programs, research initiatives, and advocacy.

Membership to WM-HPNA does not require National HPNA membership. Annual cost for membership to WM-HPNA is \$25/year. Local membership benefits include: opportunities to network with peers in the hospice and palliative industry, access educational opportunities specific to hospice and palliative care, participate in the collective voice of hospice and palliative issues in West Michigan, and get regular updates about current topics that may affect your practice.

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**Below is a list of upcoming events:**

- 8/29 – Webinar: “Symptom Management in Hospice” (Indiana Chapter HPNA)
- 9/27 – Palliative Care Conference at Calvin University (Trinity Health)
- 9/28 – HPNA Team Conference in Baltimore MD (National HPNA)
- 10/8 – Webinar: “Cannabis use in Hospice and Palliative Care (MidCentral HPNA)
- 10/24 – Webinar: “Leading Where You Are” (National HPNA)
- Ongoing – HPM Fellowship Lecture Series West Michigan
- HPNA offers a variety of on-demand CEU courses free of charge for members.