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HPNA Names 2023 Fellows in Palliative Care Nursing

The designation of Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) Fellow in Palliative Care Nursing (FPCN) is bestowed upon HPNA members who have made significant contributions to HPNA, the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC), and/or the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation (HPNF), while also impacting the field of hospice and palliative nursing. HPNA fellows are leading the way for the future of hospice and palliative nursing as clinicians, researchers, managers, and advocates.

HPNA is pleased to announce the 2023 FPCN inductees.

**Carrie Cormack, DNP, APRN, CPNP, CHPPN**
Dr. Cormack is an assistant professor at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where she is the lead palliative care faculty member in the doctor of nursing practice program, as well as a practicing certified pediatric palliative care nurse practitioner. Dr. Cormack is an author; a speaker; and the recipient of an End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) Award (Perinatal Task Force), DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, and Excellence in Teaching Faculty Award from MUSC. She is an HPNA-approved educator, ELNEC instructor, and instructor for the CHPPN® (Certified Hospice and Palliative Pediatric Nurse) Review Course, and she has served on HPNA’s Clinical Practice Forum Planning Committee, Annual Assembly Planning Committee, and Graduate Faculty Council.

**Grace Cullen, DNP, FNP-BC, ACHPN, AOCNP, PMGT-BC**
Dr. Cullen is a nurse practitioner at the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center in Detroit, where she specializes in oncology and palliative care in veterans with advanced prostate cancer. She also serves as a clinical instructor and preceptor to advanced practice nursing students at Washington State University and as faculty in the university’s palliative care fellowship program. Dr. Cullen is a researcher; educator; and recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, Outstanding Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year Award by the Metropolitan Detroit Oncology Nursing Society, and the Nursing Excellence Award.

**Susan DeSanto-Madeya, PhD, CNS, RN, FAAN**
Dr. DeSanto-Madeya is an associate clinical professor at Boston College, where she
implemented the Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Certificate program. She is a nurse scientist, educator, presenter, author, co-founder and president of the HPNA Rhode Island chapter, past president of the HPNA Boston chapter, vice chair for the Partnership to Reduce Cancer Rhode Island, a Cambia Foundation Sojourns Scholar, and fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

**Shelli Feder, PhD, APRN, FNP-C, ACHPN**
Dr. Feder is an assistant professor at the Yale School of Nursing and a palliative care nurse practitioner at Connecticut Hospice and VA Connecticut Healthcare System. She is a researcher; educator; author; speaker; and recipient of the HPNA Emerging Leaders Award, HPNA New Investigator Award, and Eastern Nursing Research Society Rising Star Award. She is also an HPNA Research Scholar. Dr. Feder has served on HPNA’s Annual Assembly Planning Committee, HPCC’s Awards Selection Committee, and HPNF’s Certification Scholarship Review Committee.

**Christine Fortney, PhD, RN**
Dr. Fortney is an assistant professor at The Ohio State University College of Nursing, where she helped develop the Palliative Care Certificate program. She is a researcher focused on the experiences of infants and their families in the neonatal intensive care unit, author, educator, and presenter. She has received the Outstanding Publication Award and Outstanding Evidence-Based Practitioner Award, and she is an HPNA Research Scholar. Dr. Fortney also has served on HPNA’s Award Review Committee and Research Committee.

**Anessa Foxwell, MSN, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN**
Ms. Foxwell is a predoctoral fellow at University of Pennsylvania and an oncology nurse practitioner at Penn Medicine. She is an educator, ELNEC faculty member, author, presenter, and recipient of the Penn Medicine Advanced Practice Education Award and the Dana-Farber Excellence in Dissemination Award. Ms. Foxwell received the Sigma Theta Tau/HPNF End-of-Life Nursing Care Research Grant in both 2020 and 2021.

**Dana Hansen, PhD, APRN, ACHPN**
Dr. Hansen is an associate professor for Kent State University College of Nursing and codirector of the university’s PhD program. Her research focuses on the topic of improving the quality of end-of-life experiences for patients and families. Additionally, Dr. Hansen is an author, presenter, and former cochair of both the Research and Policy HPNA Special Interest Groups.
Richelle (Rikki) Hooper, MBA, MSN, FNP, ACHPN
Ms. Hooper is the chief clinical officer at Four Seasons Hospice in North Carolina. She is an educator and speaker, and she serves on the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Task Force for Quality and the Center to Advance Palliative Care Home-Based Workgroup. Ms. Hooper has served on HPNA’s Clinical Practice Forum Planning Committee.

Mary Isaacson, PhD, RN, CHPN
Dr. Isaacson is an assistant professor at South Dakota State University. She is an HPNA Research Scholar, is a board member for the Rural Nursing Organization, and was named a South Dakota State University College of Nursing Outstanding Researcher. Dr. Isaacson has served on HPNA’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Task Force; Research Advisory Committee (chair); and Clinical Practice Forum Planning Committee. She is a member of HPNA’s Research Advisory Council and a contributor to HPNA’s 2023–2026 Research Agenda.

Jeannette Kates, PhD, CRNP, AGPCNP-BC, GNP-BC
Dr. Kates is an associate professor at Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing and director of the university’s Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program. She received the HPNA Vanguard Award, Thomas Jefferson University James B. Erdmann Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Health Education, Distinguished Educator in Gerontological Nursing from the National Hartford Center, and an HPNA Leader Scholarship. Dr. Kates is an educator, author, researcher, and presenter, as well as a member of HPNA’s Advance Care Planning Task Force and Awards Committee (cochair).

William Rosa, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
Dr. Rosa is an assisting attending behavioral scientist at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. He is an editor, author, and presenter, and he has received Sigma’s International Research Dissertation Award, the American Nurses Association National Public Health Service Award for Distinguished Practice in Nursing, the National Excellence in Oncology Nursing Health Policy and Advocacy Award from the Oncology Nursing Society. He is also a Cambia Health Foundation Sojourn Scholar. Dr. Rosa is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and the New York Academy of Medicine. He is also a member of HPNA’s Award Selection Committee and DEIB Task Force and HPFN’s Scholarship Review Committee.

Nicole Sartor, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, CHPPN
Dr. Sartor is a pediatric palliative care nurse practitioner at the University of North Carolina
Janelle Williamson, NP-C, ACHPN
Ms. Williamson is a nurse practitioner at Stormont Vail Health in Topeka, Kansas. She is a presenter, educator, member of the Kansas State Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, and cofounder and vice president of the Midwest chapter of HPNA. Ms. Williamson is the recipient of the Kansas Hospital Association Healthcare Worker of the Year Award and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence.

Patricia Wright, PhD, MSN, MBA, CRNP, CNS, CHPN, CNE, CPH
Dr. Wright is a professor in the Department of Nursing at the University of Scranton. She is an educator, researcher, presenter, author, and member of Sigma Theta Tau, and she has received the Dr. Marcie Jones Graduate Nursing Award, Provost’s Faculty Enhancement Award, AJN Book of the Year Award. Dr. Wright has served on HPNA’s Research Advisory Committee and Annual Assembly Scientific Subcommittee.

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