

## *Improving Hospice Documentation*

When you or a loved one are diagnosed with a terminal illness, you wonder what can be done to make life easier and more meaningful during the remaining time on earth. In *A Hospice Guide Book*, author Dr. Curtis E. Smith shows how the concept of hospice, which emphasizes the important provisions of comfort care through the end-of-life journey, can help terminal patients die a comfortable, peaceful death with dignity. A resource for families, patients, and health care providers, *A Hospice Guide Book* provides a thorough explanation of the hospice concept. It discusses • the definition of hospice care and its origins; • hospice fallacies, myths, and facts; • alternative care modalities; • the hospice team and its responsibilities; • levels of care and treatment; • pain and pain management; • hospice residences; • end of life care. *A Hospice Guide Book* presents a plethora of information about hospice, enabling those who could become hospice patients the opportunity to receive the benefit of expert comfort care; pain control management; symptom control; and emotional, spiritual, and psychosocial support as they live with their terminal illness during the end-of-life journey and peacefully transition from this life to the next.

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One of the barriers to improving the quality of cancer care in the United States is the inadequacy of data systems. Out-of-date or incomplete information about the performance of doctors, hospitals, health plans, and public agencies makes it hard to gauge the quality of care. Augmenting today's data systems could start to fill the gap. This report examines the strengths and weaknesses of current systems and makes recommendations for enhancing data systems to improve the quality of cancer care. The board's recommendations fall into three key areas: Enhance key elements of the data system infrastructure (i.e., quality-of-care measures, cancer registries and databases, data collection technologies, and analytic capacity). Expand support for analyses of quality of cancer care using existing data systems. Monitor the effectiveness of data systems to promote quality improvement within health systems.

The Future of Nursing explores how nurses' roles, responsibilities, and education should change

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significantly to meet the increased demand for care that will be created by health care reform and to advance improvements in America's increasingly complex health system. At more than 3 million in number, nurses make up the single largest segment of the health care work force. They also spend the greatest amount of time in delivering patient care as a profession. Nurses therefore have valuable insights and unique abilities to contribute as partners with other health care professionals in improving the quality and safety of care as envisioned in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) enacted this year. Nurses should be fully engaged with other health professionals and assume leadership roles in redesigning care in the United States. To ensure its members are well-prepared, the profession should institute residency training for nurses, increase the percentage of nurses who attain a bachelor's degree to 80 percent by 2020, and double the number who pursue doctorates. Furthermore, regulatory and institutional obstacles -- including limits on nurses' scope of practice -- should be removed so that the health system can reap the full benefit of nurses' training, skills, and knowledge in patient care. In this book, the Institute of Medicine makes recommendations for an action-oriented blueprint for the future of nursing.

Structure, Process and Service Delivery  
Quality, Documentation, and Reimbursement

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### Palliative Care in Oncology

#### An Evidence-based Handbook for Nurses

#### Hospice and Palliative Medicine Handbook

#### Nursing & Therapy Documentation in Long-Term Care

In our society's aggressive pursuit of cures for cancer, we have neglected symptom control and comfort care.

Less than one percent of the National Cancer

Institute's budget is spent on any aspect of palliative care research or education, despite the half million

people who die of cancer each year and the larger

number living with cancer and its symptoms. Improving

Palliative Care for Cancer examines the

barriers—scientific, policy, and social—that keep those in need from getting good palliative care. It goes on to

recommend public- and private-sector actions that would

lead to the development of more effective palliative

interventions; better information about currently used

interventions; and greater knowledge about, and access

to, palliative care for all those with cancer who would

benefit from it.

A great resource for your home care and hospice staff.

The new 2012 Standards for Home Health, Personal

Care and Support Services, and Hospice can help you

quickly and easily find the standards and scoring

information you need. It puts the latest accreditation

requirements, policies, and procedures at your fingertips.

It also includes scoring information at every element of

performance, including scoring category, criticality,

documentation requirement, and Measure of Success.

The 2012 Standards for Home Health, Personal Care

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and Support Services, and Hospice has color-coded tabs, allowing you to find exactly what you need when you need it: The 2012 standards, National Patient Safety Goals, and Accreditation Participation Requirements only for home health, personal care and support services, and hospice organizations Updated accreditation process chapter, which includes new decision categories and the 2012 home care accreditation decision rules, and sentinel events chapter Applicability grids at each standard to identify setting-specific requirements for your home health, personal care and support services, or hospice organization An appendix listing Medicare requirements for hospice This 6 x 9 softcover, spiral-bound book makes a perfect reference guide handy in meetings, for orientation and training, and as a practical overview of the Joint Commission's accreditation requirements for all your staff.

The importance of palliative care for children facing life threatening illness and their families is now widely acknowledged as an essential part of care, which should be available to all children and families, throughout the child's illness and at the end of life. The new edition of the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children brings together the most up to date information, current knowledge, evidence, and developments of clinical practice in the field. The book is structured into four sections. 'Foundations of Care' describes core issues, the foundations on which paediatric palliative care is based. 'Child and Family Care' looks at different aspects of psychological, social, and cultural care for the sick child or young person, and their family. These chapters



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cover the time course of the illness, around the time of death and support for the bereaved family. 'Symptom Care' focuses on the uses of medication, specific symptoms, and their management. Finally, 'Delivery of Care' examines practical approaches to care in different environments and the needs of clinicians. Two new editors join the team from Canada and South Africa, reflecting our aims to contribute towards the development of care for children across the world, and to be a resource for both experienced clinicians and those new to the field. Comprehensive in scope, exhaustive in detail, and definitive in authority, this third edition has been thoroughly updated to cover new practices, current epidemiological data, and the evolving models that support the delivery of palliative medicine to children. This includes two new chapters, looking in detail at 'Decision Making' and 'Perinatal Care', and a new section highlighting the emerging importance of 'Palliative Care for Children in Humanitarian Crises'. This book is an essential resource for anyone who works with children worldwide.

This easy-to-use handbook is the only one of its kind to offer concise, focused coverage of all hospice-related conditions. Key topics include professional standards and guidelines, bereavement services considerations, outcomes and goals, quality control, and tips for obtaining reimbursement. --Couverture.

Enhancing Data Systems to Improve the Quality of Cancer Care

Fast Facts for the Hospice Nurse, Second Edition

A Guide to Effective Programs

Skills for Collaboration and Compliance  
Quality, Compliance, and Reimbursement

*Improving documentation is no easy task CDI professionals have never had one easy-to-read, inclusive reference to help them implement a CDI program, understand the fundamentals of ICD-9-CM coding, query physicians, and encourage interdepartmental communication. In theory, physicians should document their entire thought process, including ruling conditions in and out. But it's not that simple, and in light of MS-DRGs, it requires significant physician education and retraining. You need a blueprint for success.. Your blueprint has arrived! At last, here is a guide for CDI specialists. The Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist's Handbook is your essential partner for creating a CDI program, staffing your program, querying physicians, and understanding how documentation affects code selection and data quality As a CDI specialist you need answers now In light of Medicare Severity DRGs (MS-DRG), detailed documentation and accurate capture of complications and comorbidities (CCs) has made the CDI specialist's role more important and more demanding than ever. This handbook will enhance your ability to gather the right information the first time--and every time Author Colleen Garry, RN, BS, has compiled case studies that document best practices and reference several different CDI models so that you can select the one that's right for your hospital's CDI success. In addition, you'll be privy to an executive summary of HCPro's exclusive CDI survey that solicited more than 800 responses. Learn how other hospitals are handling CDI and choosing the model that works best*

*for them. \* work with physicians to obtain detailed, appropriate documentation \* maintain compliance when performing physician queries \* convey return on investment for a CDI program Customizable CD-ROM included Your copy of The Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist's Handbook includes a CD-ROM loaded with all of the working tools you'll find in the book. Among them Advance Care Planning (ACP) refers to the communication of decisions regarding end-of-life treatment decisions prior to incapacitation. ACP has been associated with better health outcomes at the end of life such as less aggressive care prior to death, improved bereavement outcomes, earlier acceptance of a terminal condition and earlier acceptance of palliative care and hospice. The completion and documentation of ACP in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) is important so that end-of-life treatment decisions can be honored when patients are unable to speak for themselves. This process is multi-faceted and burdened with inconsistencies. Through three related studies, this dissertation used Donabedian's Structure, Process, and Outcome model as a framework for understanding the problem. Study one focused on the structural component of the EHR as it relates to the functionality and documentation of ACP. Results from a survey of over 400 end-of-life physicians indicated a mutual understanding of the importance of ACP documentation in the EHR coupled with critical challenges. Specific challenges included a lack of time and training. Having a consistent tab or area within the EHR was cited as a specific opportunity for facilitating the completion of ACP in the EHR. Study two analyzed the association between several process-related predictors and the completion of ACP*

*documentation in the EHR. Findings indicated that older adults (over age 70) were less likely to have several process-related components of ACP and more likely to operationalized elements of ACP such as a verified Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order. These findings indicate that there may be a gap in comprehensive communication with older adults, and they are more likely to have a DNR without documentation of a prior conversation or a scanned document in the medical record. Study three examined the association between outcomes and the documentation of ACP in the EHR. Findings indicate that having a DNR documented in the EHR and having an ACP note in the problem list are associated with reduced odds of an admission in the last 30 days of life. Having ACP documentation in the EHR was not associated with reduced charges at the end of life. The results of this dissertation may be used to strengthen the case that improvement in the documentation and functionality of ACP in the EHR is required. There are several key practical considerations resulting from these studies that could be applied in the form of local quality improvement initiatives aimed at improving consistency in documentation. Other implications from these studies point toward continuing to support efforts to reimburse physicians for ACP conversations and improving standardized end-of-life communication training requirements for all clinicians.*

*Handbook of Home Health Standards: Quality, Documentation, and Reimbursement includes everything the home care nurse needs to provide quality care and effectively document care based on accepted professional standards. This handbook offers detailed standards and documentation*

*guidelines including ICD-9-CM (diagnostic) codes, OASIS considerations, service skills (including the skills of the multidisciplinary health care team), factors justifying homebound status, interdisciplinary goals and outcomes, reimbursement, and resources for practice and education. The fifth edition of this “little red book has been updated to include new information from the most recently revised Federal Register Final Rule and up-to-date coding. All information in this handbook has been thoroughly reviewed, revised, and updated. Offers easy-to-access and easy-to-read format that guides users step by step through important home care standards and documentation guidelines Provides practical tips for effective documentation of diagnoses/clinical conditions commonly treated in the home, designed to positively influence reimbursement from third party payors. Lists ICD-9-CM diagnostic codes, needed for completing CMS billing forms, in each body system section, along with a complete alphabetical list of all codes included in the book in an appendix. Incorporates hospice care and documentation standards so providers can create effective hospice documentation. Emphasizes the provision of quality care by providing guidelines based on the most current approved standards of care. Includes the most current NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses so that providers have the most accurate and up-to-date information at their fingertips. Identifies skilled services, including services appropriate for the multidisciplinary team to perform. Offers discharge planning solutions to address specific concerns so providers can easily identify the plan of discharge that most effectively meets the patient’s needs. Lists the crucial parts of all standards that specific members of the*

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*Communication tips identify quantifiable data that assists in providing insurance case managers with information on which to make effective patient care decisions. Several useful sections make the handbook thorough and complete: medicare guidelines; home care definitions, roles, and abbreviations; NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses; guidelines for home medical equipment and supplies. Small size for convenient carrying in bag or pocket! Provides the most up-to-date information about the newest and predominant reimbursement mechanisms in home care: the Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Pay For Performance (P4P). Updated terminology, definitions, and language to reflect the federal agency change from Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and other industry changes. Includes the most recent NANDA diagnoses and OASIS form and documentation explanations. New interdisciplinary roles have been added, such as respiratory therapist and nutritionist.,/LI>*

*What Do You See?Painting the Picture in Hospice Documentation for Eligibility*

*A Concise Guide to End-of-Life Care*

*Oxford Textbook of Palliative Care for Children*

*Advance Care Planning*

*Handbook of Home Health Standards E-Book*

*Hospice & Palliative Care Handbook, Third Edition*

*Final Words for Final Days*

**This volume provides a concise yet comprehensive overview of patient safety issues and quality improvement for the pediatric hematology/oncology/stem cell transplant practice. The book reviews patient safety in complex healthcare delivery systems, delineates the various safety issues affecting pediatric hematology/oncology patients, and discusses quality improvement methods and improvement science that allow the reader to implement and sustain change in their home institution. The text also explores mechanisms to measure quality and safety outcomes, allowing the provider to implement proven processes shown to minimize harm to patients. Written by experts in the field, Patient Safety and Quality in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation is a valuable resource for healthcare professionals treating pediatric hematology, oncology and stem cell transplant patients.**

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This landmark text is the key resource for nurses working in the field of palliative care. Edited by renowned nursing experts, and written by a dynamic team of internationally known authorities in

nursing and palliative medicine, the Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing covers the gamut of principles of care from the time of initial diagnosis of a terminal disease to the end of a patient's life and beyond. The text is distinctively developed to highlight the nurse's vital role as part of an integrated palliative care team. Various care settings are discussed including the hospital, ICU, home care, and hospice. Chapters focus on the practical aspects of nursing care, including symptom assessment, patient teaching, family support, psychosocial aspects of palliation, and spiritual care. New to the fourth edition are chapters on the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care Guidelines, palliative care of veterans, palliative care in rural settings, disaster situations, palliative care in Eastern Europe, and palliative care in the Philippines.

Palliative care provides comprehensive support for severely affected patients with any life-limiting or life-threatening diagnosis. To do this effectively, it requires a disease-specific approach as the patients' needs and clinical context will vary depending on the underlying diagnosis. Experts in the field of palliative care and oncology describe in

detail the needs of patients with advanced cancer in comparison to those with non-cancer disease and also identify the requirements of patients with different cancer entities. Basic principles of symptom control are explained, with careful attention to therapy for pain associated with either the cancer or its treatment and to symptom-guided antineoplastic therapy. Complex therapeutic strategies for palliative cancer patients are highlighted that involve both cancer- and symptom-directed options and address a range of therapeutic aims. Issues relating to drug use in palliative cancer care are fully explored, and a separate section is devoted to care in the final phase. A range of organizational and policy issues are also discussed, and the book concludes by considering likely future developments in palliative care for cancer patients. Palliative Care in Oncology will be of particular interest to palliative care physicians who are interested in broadening the scope of their disease-specific knowledge, as well as to oncologists who wish to learn more about modern palliative care concepts relevant to their day-to-day work with cancer patients.

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**Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing**  
**Fast Facts for the Hospice Nurse**  
**Improving Quality and Honoring Individual Preferences Near the End of Life**  
**Issues in Quality in Healthcare and Quality of Life: 2013 Edition**  
**Home Health Aide: Guidelines for Care A Handbook for Care Giving at Home**

This comprehensive revision of the invaluable reference presents a rigorous survey of pain and palliative care phenomena across the lifespan and across disciplines. Grounded in the biopsychosocial viewpoint of its predecessor, it offers up-to-date understanding of assessments and interventions for pain, the communication of pain, common pain conditions and their mechanisms, and research and policy issues. In keeping with the current public attention to painkiller use and misuse, contributors discuss a full range of pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to pain relief and management. And palliative care is given expanded coverage, with chapters on interventional, ethical, and spiritual concerns. · Pain, intercultural communication, and narrative medicine. · Assessment of pain: tools, challenges, and special populations. · Persistent pain in the older adult: practical considerations for evaluation and management. · Acute to chronic pain:

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transition in the post-surgical patient. · Evidence-based pharmacotherapy of chronic pain. · Complementary and integrative health in chronic pain and palliative care. · The patient's perspective of chronic pain. · Disparities in pain and pain care. This mix of evolving and emerging topics makes the Second Edition of the Handbook of Pain and Palliative Care a necessity for health practitioners specializing in pain management or palliative care, clinical and health psychologists, public health professionals, and clinicians and administrators in long-term care and hospice. For patients and their loved ones, no care decisions are more profound than those made near the end of life. Unfortunately, the experience of dying in the United States is often characterized by fragmented care, inadequate treatment of distressing symptoms, frequent transitions among care settings, and enormous care responsibilities for families. According to this report, the current health care system of rendering more intensive services than are necessary and desired by patients, and the lack of coordination among programs increases risks to patients and creates avoidable burdens on them and their families. Dying in America is a study of the current state of health care for persons of all ages who are nearing the end of life. Death is not a strictly medical event. Ideally, health care for those nearing the end of life harmonizes with social, psychological, and

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spiritual support. All people with advanced illnesses who may be approaching the end of life are entitled to access to high-quality, compassionate, evidence-based care, consistent with their wishes. Dying in America evaluates strategies to integrate care into a person- and family-centered, team-based framework, and makes recommendations to create a system that coordinates care and supports and respects the choices of patients and their families. The findings and recommendations of this report will address the needs of patients and their families and assist policy makers, clinicians and their educational and credentialing bodies, leaders of health care delivery and financing organizations, researchers, public and private funders, religious and community leaders, advocates of better care, journalists, and the public to provide the best care possible for people nearing the end of life. This comprehensive pocket-size handbook is the essential reference for clinicians and others serving patients with advanced or life-limiting illness. It offers up-to-date, relevant, and highly practical guidance to expertly meet the challenges of serving these patients and their families. This user-friendly manual emphasizes the importance of honoring patients' wishes throughout their medical journey while meeting their whole-person, often complex needs—from symptom management to attending to spiritual and emotional suffering—and always

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acknowledges the context of patients' lives, including the needs of loved ones supporting them. The layout makes finding information quick and easy, with alphabetically organized chapter headings and a detailed index. Organ-system-based chapters offer disease-specific, goals-of-care discussion guidance and reviews of etiology, signs and symptoms, assessment, and management—including standard treatment as well as palliative options. Other chapters cover communication with patients and families, consultation with colleagues, and code status discussions, along with valuable subjects such as withdrawing life support, ethics, spirituality, physician-assisted death, and palliative options of last resort. Readers will find practical management strategies for symptoms such as pain, nausea, dyspnea, and delirium. In addition, chapters on opioid use and dosing, and pharmacology of commonly used palliative medications, make this guide an invaluable resource.

The CDI Guide for Home Health and Hospice addresses the unique challenges of both home health and hospice agencies in a practical fashion. Its expert authors and reviewers--veterans of the postacute field--provide tips on educating and querying physicians who don't work for you, choosing home health and hospice areas to focus on, and selecting agency members for your CDI program's



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steering committee.

Patient Safety and Quality in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and Stem Cell Transplantation

The Future of Nursing

Symptom Management Protocol and Hospice Nurse Educational Intervention Improves Management of Exacerbated Symptoms  
2012

Medicare Hospice Management Handbook of Pain and Palliative Care

*Request a FREE 30-day online trial to this title at [www.sagepub.com/freetrial](http://www.sagepub.com/freetrial) What is unique about the process in the discussion of healthcare and interventions to use when working with families? What assessment tools provide guidance for healthcare providers as they determine interventions for families in their care? What are the changing dimensions of contemporary family life, and what impact do those dimensions have on health promotion for families? How is family healthcare changing in terms of practices, delivery systems, costs and insurance coverage? Students are able to explore these questions and more in the *Encyclopedia of Family Health*.*

*Approximately 350 signed articles written by experts from such varied fields as health and nursing, social and behavioral*

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*sciences, and policy provide authoritative, cross-disciplinary coverage. Entries examine theory, research and policy as they relate to family practice in a manner that is accessible and jargon-free. From 'Adolescent Suicide' and 'Alternative Therapies' to 'Visitation during Hospitalization' and 'Weight Problems and Genetics', this work provides coverage of a variety of issues within a family context. The Encyclopedia of Family Health provides a comprehensive summary of theory, research, practice, and policy on family health and wellness promotion for students and researchers.*

*Maintaining dignity for patients approaching death is a core principle of palliative care. Dignity therapy, a psychological intervention developed by Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov and his internationally lauded research group, has been designed specifically to address many of the psychological, existential, and spiritual challenges that patients and their families face as they grapple with the reality of life drawing to a close. In the first book to lay out the blueprint for this unique and meaningful intervention, Chochinov addresses one of the most important dimensions of being human. Being alive means being vulnerable*

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*and mortal; he argues that dignity therapy offers a way to preserve meaning and hope for patients approaching death. With history and foundations of dignity in care, and step by step guidance for readers interested in implementing the program, this volume illuminates how dignity therapy can change end-of-life experience for those about to die - and for those who will grieve their passing. The Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing remains the most comprehensive treatise on the art and science of palliative care nursing available. Dr. Betty Rolling Ferrell and Dr. Judith A. Paice have invited 162 nursing experts to contribute 76 chapters addressing the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs pertinent to the successful palliative care team. Organized within 7 Sections, this new edition covers the gamut of principles of care: from the time of initial diagnosis of a serious illness to the end of a patient's life and beyond. This fifth edition features several new chapters, including chapters on advance care planning, organ donation, self-care, global palliative care, and the ethos of palliative nursing. Each chapter is rich with tables and figures, case examples for improved learning, and a strong evidence-*

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*based practice to support the highest quality of care. The book offers a valuable and practical resource for students and clinicians across all settings of care. The content is relevant for specialty hospice agencies and palliative care programs, as well as generalist knowledge for schools of nursing, oncology, critical care, and pediatric. Developed with the intention of emphasizing the need to extend palliative care beyond the specialty to be integrated in all settings and by all clinicians caring for the seriously ill, this new edition will continue to serve as the cornerstone of palliative care education. It's not the quantity of clinical documentation that matters—it's the quality. Is your clinical documentation improvement (CDI) program identifying your outliers? Does your documentation capture the level of ICD-10 coding specificity required to achieve optimal reimbursement? Are you clear on how to fix your coding and documentation shortfalls? Providing the most complete and accurate coding of diagnoses and site-specific procedures will vastly improve your practice's bottom line. Get the help you need with the Clinical Documentation Reference Guide. This start-to-finish CDI primer covers*

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*medical necessity, joint/shared visits, incident-to billing, preventative care visits, the global surgical package, complications and comorbidities, and CDI for EMRs. Learn the all-important steps to ensure your records capture what your physicians perform during each encounter. Benefit from methods to effectively communicate CDI concerns and protocols to your providers. Leverage the practical and effective guidance in AAPC's Clinical Documentation Reference Guide to triumph over your toughest documentation challenges. Prevent documentation deficiencies and keep your claims on track for optimal reimbursement: Understand the legal aspects of documentation Anticipate and avoid documentation trouble spots Keep compliance issues at bay Learn proactive measures to eliminate documentation problems Work the coding mantra—specificity, specificity, specificity Avoid common documentation errors identified by CERT and RACs Know the facts about EMR templates—and the pitfalls of auto-populate features Master documentation in the EMR with guidelines and tips Conquer CDI time-based coding for E/M The Clinical Documentation Reference Guide is approved for use during the CDEO® certification exam.*

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*Dignity Therapy*

*Hospice Care: A Wise Choice Providing Quality Comfort Care Through the End of Life's Journey*

*Palliative Day Care*

*Handbook of Home Health Care*

*Administration*

*A Special Way of Caring for the Terminally Ill*

*Evidence-Based Approaches to Theory, Practice, and Policy*

*A multidisciplinary resource that combines the latest research with the best practices for working with older adults* *The Handbook of Gerontology: Evidence-Based Approaches to Theory, Practice, and Policy* provides an essential source of important theoretical and applied information on gerontology for all mental health professionals interested in optimizing the health and well-being of older adults. Interdisciplinary and incorporating the most current evidence-based practices in its focus, this timely book considers the many factors that affect the way this growing population experiences the world-and provides a positive and proactive guide to administering care. Integrating the latest research findings with important practice implications for working with an older client population, the *Handbook of Gerontology* draws on a multidisciplinary team of expert contributors who provide coverage and insight into a diverse range of topics, including: *A global perspective on aging Elder abuse Family caregiving Parenting grandchildren Depression Substance abuse Alzheimer's disease Successful aging and personality Biological and cognitive aspects and theories of aging An*

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*exceptional resource for practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and students, the Handbook of Gerontology is essential reading for anyone who works with older adults. An on-the-go reference for hospice nurses and those interested in end-of-life care, this practical guide covers the essential elements in the compassionate and holistic care of terminally ill patients and their families. Nurses care for patients facing end-of-life issues in every practice specialty and, as the U.S. population continues to age, the need for proficiency in end-of-life skills will become increasingly important. Fast Facts for the Hospice Nurse: A Concise Guide to End-of-Life Care is an invaluable resource that provides emotional, administrative, and palliative support, whether in a hospice, long-term care facility, or acute care setting. This vital go-to text clearly and concisely lays out not only how to care for patients facing end-of-life issues, but also how to engage in self-care and cope with occupational stress. Beginning with an overview of hospice care, including its history and philosophy, this book offers a timeline of the growth of the hospice movement in the United States. Subsequent sections include up-to-date information on the clinical responsibilities of the hospice nurse in addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients and their families in a culturally sensitive way. This book also outlines the administrative duties of the hospice nurse, including hospice documentation, a review of hospice regulations, and quality management. The closing section focuses on occupational stress in hospice nursing and how to engage in self-care. This text can serve as a useful clinical resource and also as a reference for nurses seeking hospice certification from the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center. Key Features*

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*Organized within the context of the scope and standards of practice of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. Addresses key points about issues unique to hospice nursing and highlights evidence-based interventions Addresses important Medicare regulations and reimbursement Offers numerous clinical resources to assist with hospice nursing practice Serves as a concise study resource for hospice nursing certification*

*There has been a steady growth in the provision of day care services for people with life-threatening illnesses who live at home. This book includes details of the range of therapies and services that a multi-disciplinary team can provide to address the physical, emotional, psycho-social and spiritual needs of these patients and their families, thus enabling them to remain in their own homes.*

*An overlook of the theoretical prespective and practical information about the growing field of hospice.*

*Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist's Handbook  
Improving Palliative Care for Cancer  
Patient Safety and Quality*

*Concepts and Practice*

*Leading Change, Advancing Health*

*What Do You See?*

***Hospice & Palliative Care Handbook, Third Edition, offers concise, focused coverage of all aspects of hospice and palliative care for clinicians, managers, and other team members who provide important care while meeting difficult multilevel regulations. Author Tina M. Marrelli, Director of the first U.S. hospice program to attain Joint Commission accreditation for hospice services, helps caregivers meet quality,***



**coverage, and reimbursement requirements in daily practice and documentation. Filled with key topics such as professional standards and guidelines, bereavement services considerations, outcomes, and goals, and quality control, this comprehensible book provides the tools hospice caregivers need for success. 2nd Place 2018 AJN Book of the Year**

**"This resource will help you: Align with MDS 3.0 documentation requirements. Coordinate documentation between nurses and therapists to improve resident care. Gain the perspective of nursing or therapy to appreciate their specific approach to skilled services. Reduce your audit risk and strengthen reimbursement claims with comprehensive documentation. Prove medical necessity and need for skilled care by practicing accurate documentation"--P. [4] of cover.**

**"Nurses play a vital role in improving the safety and quality of patient care -- not only in the hospital or ambulatory treatment facility, but also of community-based care and the care performed by family members. Nurses need know what proven techniques and interventions they can use to enhance patient outcomes. To address this need, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), with additional funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has prepared this comprehensive, 1,400-page, handbook for nurses on patient safety and quality -- Patient Safety and Quality: An Evidence-Based Handbook for Nurses. (AHRQ Publication No. 08-0043)."--Online AHRQ**

***blurb, <http://www.ahrq.gov/qual/nurseshdbk>. Oftentimes, documentation to prove hospice eligibility can be tricky. Generalization and lack of specific details can result in non payment or repayment of claims. My purpose in creating this pocket guide is to help nurses, physicians and other disciplines be able to accurately and thoroughly document hospice decline. Everything you need is at the drop of the hand in a small convenient size guide that can easily be carried with you anywhere.***

***Improving Quality***

***The CDI Guide for Home Health and Hospice***

***Encyclopedia of Family Health***

***Medicare Hospice Benefits***

***Hospice and Palliative Care***

***Hospice and Palliative Care Handbook***

In the United States, approximately 14 million people have had cancer and more than 1.6 million new cases are diagnosed each year. However, more than a decade after the Institute of Medicine (IOM) first studied the quality of cancer care, the barriers to achieving excellent care for all cancer patients remain daunting. Care often is not patient-centered, many patients do not receive palliative care to manage their symptoms and side effects from treatment, and decisions about care often are not based on the latest scientific evidence. The cost of cancer care also is rising faster than many sectors of medicine--having increased to \$125 billion in 2010 from \$72 billion in 2004--and is projected to reach

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\$173 billion by 2020. Rising costs are making cancer care less affordable for patients and their families and are creating disparities in patients' access to high-quality cancer care. There also are growing shortages of health professionals skilled in providing cancer care, and the number of adults age 65 and older--the group most susceptible to cancer--is expected to double by 2030, contributing to a 45 percent increase in the number of people developing cancer. The current care delivery system is poorly prepared to address the care needs of this population, which are complex due to altered physiology, functional and cognitive impairment, multiple coexisting diseases, increased side effects from treatment, and greater need for social support. Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for a System in Crisis presents a conceptual framework for improving the quality of cancer care. This study proposes improvements to six interconnected components of care: (1) engaged patients; (2) an adequately staffed, trained, and coordinated workforce; (3) evidence-based care; (4) learning health care information technology (IT); (5) translation of evidence into clinical practice, quality measurement and performance improvement; and (6) accessible and affordable care. This report recommends changes across the board in these areas to improve the quality of care. Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for a

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System in Crisis provides information for cancer care teams, patients and their families, researchers, quality metrics developers, and payers, as well as HHS, other federal agencies, and industry to reevaluate their current roles and responsibilities in cancer care and work together to develop a higher quality care delivery system. By working toward this shared goal, the cancer care community can improve the quality of life and outcomes for people facing a cancer diagnosis.

Provides comprehensive, current information for addressing the physical, psychological, and spiritual needs of hospice patients and their families

Substantially updated and expanded, the second edition of this quick-access reference for hospice nurses continues to deliver the most current information on the clinical and administrative duties of the hospice nurse. It encompasses important regulatory changes and milestones, providing timely information on cultural issues, special communication considerations, and hospice care 's enduring growth. This resource provides new content on levels of care, assessment and symptom management, and occupational stress, burnout, and self-care. New treatment guidelines and algorithms are included, as are updates on quality measures, the reimbursement schedule, compliance initiatives, and electronic documentation with specific examples. An indispensable clinical resource, the

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book is a valuable reference for nurses who are seeking to specialize in hospice, those who work in long-term care settings, post-acute care settings, acute care setting, and those who are seeking to enhance their knowledge of end-of-life care within other specialties. New to the Second Edition: Includes new regulatory changes/milestones, such as The National Quality Forum New Priorities for Action 2019 Provides updated information about levels of care, particularly the Last 7 Days rule from Medicare Covers the use of cannabis, non-pharmacological pain management interventions, care of the dying patient, and post-mortem care New chapters are included on the hospice nurse's role as case manager, patient discharge, religious and cultural influences on end-of-life care, pain assessment and interventions, wound care, care of the dying patient, and post-mortem care. Key Features: Reflects key competencies for the hospice nurse as designated by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Delineates clinical and administrative responsibilities of the hospice nurse Simplifies complex information such as Medicare regulations and compliance Provides screening tools for depression, anxiety, and wound risk Includes the Palliative Performance Scale and the Karnofsky Performance Scale Serves as a concise study resource for certification

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Clinical Documentation Reference Guide - First Edition

A Clinical Guide

A Hospice Guide Book

Dying in America

Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care

Nursing Documentation Handbook

This pocket-size guide saves nurses precious

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time while ensuring that a complete patient record is created and that legal, quality assurance, and reimbursement requirements are met. This handbook provides specific verbiage for charting patient progress, change or tasks accomplished for approximately 50 common problems. The new third edition has been completely updated to include Critical Assessment Findings, Subjective Findings for Documentation, Resources for Care and Practice, Legal Considerations, Time Saving Tips, and new Managed Care information. Plus, roughly 15 additional common problems and diagnoses have been added making this practical resource more valuable than ever. Diagnoses are in alphabetical order allowing for fast and easy access. Each patient problem or diagnosis found in this handbook includes specific documentation guidelines for the following aspects of nursing care:

- \*Assessment of patient problem
- \*Associated nursing diagnosis
- \*Examples of objective findings for documentation
- \*Examples of subjective findings for documentation
- \*Examples of assessment of the data
- \*Examples of potential medical problems for this patient
- \*Examples of the documentation of potential nursing interventions/actions
- \*Examples of the evaluations of the interventions/actions
- \*Other services that may be indicated and their associated interventions and goals/outcomes
- \*Nursing goals and outcomes
- \*Potential discharge plans for this patient
- \*Patient, family, caregiver

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educational needs \*Resources for care and practice \*Legal considerations for documentation, as appropriate Introductory chapters describe documentation, the medical record systems of nursing documentation, and current JCAHO and ANA standards related to documentation. Specialty sections provide important and specific guidelines for hospice care and maternal-child care. Appendices provide the latest NANDA-approved nursing diagnoses, descriptions of services provided by other disciplines, abbreviations, and a listing of resources (i.e., directory of resources, clinical newsletters and journals, Internet resources, further reading). Includes Time Saving Tips boxes to help minimize the time needed for documentation responsibilities. Each diagnosis includes a Critical Assessment Components/Findings section to help nurses with their critical decision making and determine whether an assessment finding indicates immediate attention or patient follow up. The Goals/Outcomes section of each diagnosis now appears at the beginning so that nurses know the intended goals and outcomes up front before beginning the assessment. All documentation guidelines now include sections on Examples of Subjective Findings for Documentation and Resources for Care and Practice. Includes Legal Considerations for Documentation as appropriate to highlight important legal issues. Part One has been updated to reflect the current managed care



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environment, including new information required by the National Community of Quality Assurance [NCQA], so that nurses can incorporate and focus on these changes as they document

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Implications for Health Care Quality at the End of Life

Standards for Home Health, Personal Care and Support Services, and Hospice

Handbook of Gerontology

Handbook of Home Health Standards

Biopsychosocial and Environmental Approaches for the Life Course