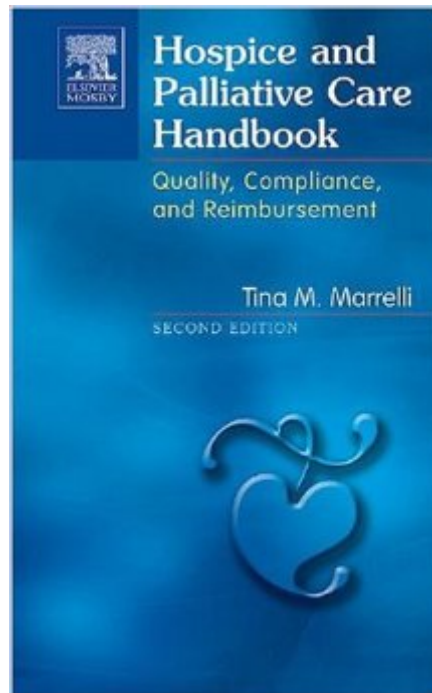


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# Hospice And Palliative Care Handbook: Quality, Compliance And Reimbursement, 2e



## **Synopsis**

Hospice and Palliative Care Handbook, 2nd Edition includes everything hospice and palliative care professionals need to know to effectively provide and document quality care based on accepted professional standards. Presented in an easy-to-use handbook style, this is the only guide that offers clinicians complete coverage of all hospice-related conditions. Numerous hospice-related clinical problems are detailed, including standards and guidelines, services skills, outcomes and goals, and specific tips for reimbursement and quality. ICD-9 codes are presented for each condition. This new edition has been updated with the latest information about hospice and palliative care and emphasizes trends such as bereavement services, the role of the volunteer, and pain. The major differences between hospice and home care documentation are distinguished. Provides standards reflecting the interventions, outcomes, and discharge plans appropriate for hospice patients with a variety of problems. Presents consistently formatted clinical care guidelines in an easy-to-access alphabetical order that offer specific direction for planning care. Offers practical tips for effective, complete documentation designed to meet the requirements of third-party payers such as Medicare. Incorporates services and outcomes of care for every member of the hospice team to facilitate interdisciplinary care, for example, the social worker, physical therapist, pharmacist, or dietician. Addresses patient and family educational needs and resources for care to promote self and family care. Includes psychosocial and spiritual considerations to provide a holistic approach to care. Integrates more information on pain including a pain care path, adjuvant analgesics, non-pharmacological interventions, and patient/family pain education information as minimizing pain is increasingly focused on in care. Increases information on bereavement services because hospice clinicians need this information as hospice care continues after the death of the patient. Includes additional information on the role of the volunteer because over half of all hospice employees work on a volunteer basis. Presents a section on caring for patients in inpatient areas such as ICUs. Address the major differences between hospice and home care documentation to ensure correct documentation in each setting.

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This book is directed at home health based programs who also care for the terminally ill. It is not specific to hospice care under medicare reimbursement. It is of little use to nurses working in hospice care and at times is very inappropriate in its advice for the care of terminally ill patients.

Having over ten reference books of Hospice nursing in my library, I too felt this book was inadequate for its' intended audience. I also lay issue with companies that are Hospice AND Home Health. IMHO, a company can be satisfactory at both, but excel at neither. After twelve years of specializing in only the field of Hospice nursing, I still fall back to my symptom management books by Peter Kaye, MD. While most physicians and nurses were deciphering algorithms, Dr. Kaye was setting the standard. I am proud to say I cut my teeth on his first Hospice pocket guide. Reading and studying this book alone, I was able to pass the CHPN the first time it was offered. I have since purchased other guides on Hospice care, but still referred back to Dr. Kaye. When my copy fell apart, I was thrilled to see that he had written the 'A-Z Pocketbook of Symptom Management' which is just as informative and still includes the favorites such as true Hospice emergencies, pain control, description and analysis of most of the types of cancer, etc. Why try to reinvent the wheel when Dr. Kaye has perfected it.

This handbook is a must have for any nurse who is working in hospice. The book is clear, easy to read and apply to your practice.

I am the Administrator of a Hospice and Home Health Agency and recently bought this book for our staff to use on a routine basis. To date I have had nothing but positive comments from the staff on its comprehensiveness and its ease of use. Despite the fact that I am an administrator and not a clinical person, I found the book easy to read and excellent in providing critical clinical and

administrative detail to help in the day-to-day and moment-to-moment issues that we deal with in Hospice.

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