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American Nurses Association Releases Newly Revised Scope and Standards for Nurses in Hospice and Palliative Care

(Silver Spring, MD)  Hospice and Palliative Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, the latest addition to ANA’s library of nursing specialty publications, reflects the immense changes in hospice and palliative care since the last edition in 2002. Again, co-published with the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association, the book details nursing’s leading edge in a critical healthcare arena.

The hospice and palliative nurse provides evidence-based physical, emotional, psychosocial, and spiritual or existential care to individuals and families experiencing life-limiting progressive illness. The goal of this specialty is to promote and improve the patient’s quality of life through the relief of suffering along the course of such illness, through the patient’s death and into the family’s bereavement period.

Reflecting the cumulative work of three previous revisions and including the complete text of the 2002 edition, Hospice and Palliative Nursing is a foundational volume that articulates the essentials of hospice and palliative nursing, its accountabilities and activities—the who, what, when, where and how of practice—at all practice levels and settings.

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While this book is primarily for practicing nurses, it is also an essential resource for nursing faculty and students, other health care providers, researchers and scholars, and those involved in funding, legal, policy, and regulatory activities.

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