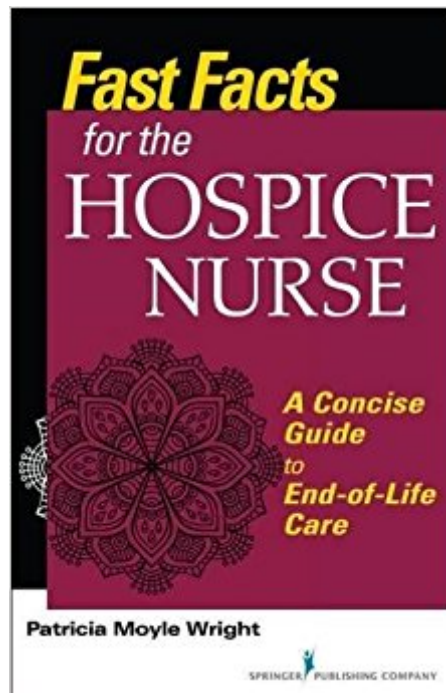




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# Fast Facts For The Hospice Nurse: A Concise Guide To End-of-Life Care



## Synopsis

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**

- 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.

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"This book takes us back to our roots in hospice with content on hospice philosophy, real nuts and bolts on hospice requirements, and a concise summary of often-neglected topics such as existential suffering, cultural concerns, and quality assurance." - Betty Ferrell, PhD, RN, MA, FAAN, FPCN, CHNP

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This book is very helpful for hospice nurses. There are so few resources out there to help us do the best job we can. This book will be a staple on my desk.

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