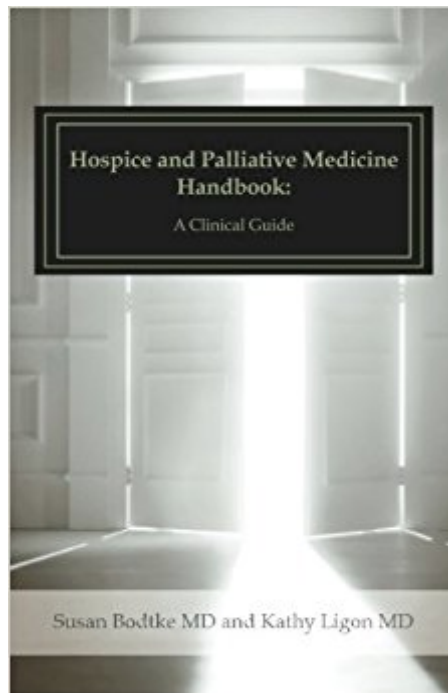




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# **Hospice And Palliative Medicine Handbook: A Clinical Guide**



## Synopsis

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 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.

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This is a succinct handbook and guide. I especially love the inclusion of research information ! I use mine daily-especially helpful for difficult to manage symptoms!!

Concise, well written. Great pocket reference and study guide for CHPN exam.

Excellent easy to find answers and deal with a challenging population. I'm buying another for a colleague now.

I am not in the medical nor the hospice field, but I found "Hospice and Palliative Medicine Handbook: A Clinical Guide" fascinating. It is well organized, thorough, and it includes comprehensive and easy to read charts on various medications, ailments, and effects. This relatively compact and beautifully bound book provides detailed palliative information. To the reader it is obvious this handbook was created with great care and understanding of patients, caregivers, and the overall hospice profession. Very impressive guide.

I love the way this clinical guide is presented. Being in alphabetical order makes it so easy to navigate. It is easy to read and straight forward with bullets, instead of long paragraphs. As a Hospice clinician, I highly recommend this book for quick references in caring for our Palliative and Hospice population.

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Most succinct comprehensive review of our newest speciality. Everything you need to know to help

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