






## HPCAI Survey on Palliative Care in Iowa





### 1. Using the preceding definition of palliative care, does your organization provide palliative care?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (If yes, complete section A)		56.5%	39
No (If no, complete section B)		43.5%	30
		answered question	69
		skipped question	0






### 2. Does your palliative care program function independently of other programs?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		32.1%	9
No - part of home care		14.3%	4
No - part of hospice		53.6%	15
		answered question	28
		skipped question	41



### 3. Does your program provide: *(check all that apply)*

		Response Percent	Response Count
Inpatient palliative care		71.4%	20
Outpatient palliative care		57.1%	16
Community-based palliative care		60.7%	17
Specialized palliative care program for children		3.6%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>41</b>





### 4. Which core services have allocated FTEs within your palliative care program? *(check all that apply)*

		Response Percent	Response Count
Physician		47.6%	10
ARNP		33.3%	7
<b>RN</b>		<b>90.5%</b>	<b>19</b>
Social Worker		71.4%	15
Spiritual Counselor		47.6%	10
<b>answered question</b>			<b>21</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>48</b>

### 5. Do you collect data specific to your palliative care program?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		50.0%	14
No		50.0%	14
answered question			28
skipped question			41

### 6. What resources would assist you in developing or enhancing your palliative care program? (check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Education on Introductory/Basic Operational Issues/Financial Fundamentals		65.2%	15
Education for Leaders Making the Business Case for Palliative Care		65.2%	15
Education on Recruitment/Retention of members of the Palliative Care Team		34.8%	8
Other		8.7%	2
If Other (please specify)			2
answered question			23
skipped question			46



6. If other please specify:

- Education to physicians outside the palliative care program on the goals and objective of palliative care, how it would assist them with patients with chronic illness.
- Enhancing referral to PC from providers in the state.

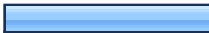





## 7. Would your organization be interested in:

	Yes	No	Response Count
A site visit to a palliative care program.	39.3% (11)	<b>60.7% (17)</b>	28
A visit from a palliative care program.	36.4% (8)	<b>63.6% (14)</b>	22
<b>answered question</b>			<b>28</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>41</b>

## 8. Are you interested in starting a palliative care program?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		<b>66.7%</b>	<b>18</b>
No		33.3%	9
<b>answered question</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>42</b>





**9. What are the challenges/barriers in your organization to starting a palliative care program? (check all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Organization has other priorities		30.8%	8
<b>Financial concerns</b>		<b>65.4%</b>	<b>17</b>
Lack of human resources		38.5%	10
Lack of senior administrative support		11.5%	3
Education		30.8%	8
Other		26.9%	7
	If Other (please specify)		9
		<b>answered question</b>	<b>26</b>
		<b>skipped question</b>	<b>43</b>

9. If other please specify:

- Hospice Department recent changes in computer system this processes being ironed out, hospice case load UP.
- Physician engagement.
- We are now actively pursuing the development of a Palliative Care Program.
- We some additional education about palliative care, we would be in a far better position to decide if a palliative care program would be right for us.
- We have access to Palliative Care through Hospice of Siouxland, Sioux City, Iowa. We are a small Rural Hospital with limited funds and small numbers.
- There is no reimbursement currently for providing this service. We are a hospice agency.
- We have submitted a business plan for a consultative palliative care program to the Genesis Health System Executive team and are waiting their recommendation.
- This service is provided to us through our contracted Hospice organization.
- Lack of reimbursement for this service. Home Health can achieve some of the goals of a Palliative care program, but not in a formal way.

**10. What resources would assist you in developing a palliative care program? (check all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Education on Introductory/Basic Operational Issues/Financial Fundamentals		79.2%	19
Education for Leaders Making the Business Case for Palliative Care		75.0%	18
Education on Recruitment/Retention of members of the Palliative Care Team		33.3%	8
Other		12.5%	3
	If Other (please specify)		6
<b>answered question</b>			<b>24</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>45</b>

**11. Would your organization be interested in:**

	Yes	No	Response Count
A site visit to a palliative care program.	59.3% (16)	40.7% (11)	27
A visit from a palliative care program.	37.5% (9)	62.5% (15)	24
<b>answered question</b>			<b>27</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>42</b>

10. If other please specify:

- This is not on our strategic plan but would be interested in finding out more.
- None
- We took a site visit to Lexington, KY and participated in CAPC palliative care leadership training.
- We utilize an organization currently that provides education and oversight.
- Staffing
- Assurance that Medicare/aid and private insurance companies will pay.