

Short Takes

Hospice Medical Director Certification Board Community Facilitates Connections with Peers

The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board (HMDCB) has been certifying hospice physicians/medical directors since 2014. There are currently over 1,100 certified physicians throughout the country. In addition to helping highlight a physician's knowledge and skills in hospice care, becoming certified allows physicians to join the HMDCB Community.

The HMDCB Community is a place where hospice physicians can connect with their peers, learn from one another, and receive support for their hospice related questions. HMDCB hosts several events for certificants, including quarterly Coffee Chats and webinars, as well as partners with external organizations to host CME opportunities. Hear from two current certificants about the value they find in being part of the HMDCB Community.



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1. What does being part of the HMDCB Community mean to you? How has it impacted you as a hospice physician?

KG: Being part of the HMDCB Community has been a vital support for me during these difficult pandemic times. I feel strengthened by our community, knowing that we are co-laborers in this sacred work.

AR: Engaging in a larger group of peers has increased my awareness of valuable and pertinent information; plus, it is personally rewarding to support others in their careers, like so many have graciously done for me!

2. How have HMDCB events impacted your delivery of care?

KG: Coffee chats and webinars have helped me gain a new sense of confidence as an early career physician. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to engage with more experienced hospice physicians across the country.

AR: HMDCB events have enabled me to enhance the quality of my care and expand my effectiveness as a leader.

3. Why would you recommend other hospice physicians become certified and join the HMDCB Community?

KG: It's important to become HMDCB-certified and join the community so that we preserve the integrity of the work we do. A hospice physician's skill set is highly specialized and the HMDC credential standardizes our capabilities.

AR: The HMDCB Community represents a reinvestment and renewal in ourselves with growing professional value as well as personal fulfillment - these benefits advance our potential for meeting the needs of those we strive to serve.

Encourage your physicians to become certified in 2022 and join the HMDCB Community! Physicians can learn more and apply online at hmdcb.org/apply. The application closes April 26, 2022.