



Hospice Fundamentals' 2026 Summer Conference

June 9th & 10th, 2026

<u>Day One</u>	<u>June 9, 2026 10:00am – 4:00pm EST</u>	<u>Speakers</u>	<u>CEU Credit</u>
10:00am – 10:30am	Hospice Fundamentals - Welcome	Zuzana Ton, MHSA VP of Operations	
10:30am – 11:15am	<p>Intro to WHY “The Least You Need to Know”</p> <p><i>This session will provide an overview of the increasing scrutiny facing the hospice industry and why it matters to providers today. Participants will learn about key oversight entities and audit programs, including PPEO, OIG national audits, TPE, SMRC, and UPICs. We will also review recent changes within the hospice industry and CMS regulations, helping attendees understand the current regulatory environment and what organizations need to know to remain compliant.</i></p>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	<p>CCB CEUs: 0.90</p> <p>CNE CHs: 0.75</p>
11:15am – 11:30am	Break		
11:30am – 12:30pm	<p>Clinical Oversight of AI in Hospice: Keeping HOPE in Human Hands</p> <p><i>In hospice care, the HOPE assessment captures what matters most — prognosis, symptoms, and the deeply personal goals that guide end-of-life care. AI has the power to strengthen documentation workflows, support clinicians in capturing comprehensive information, and ensure nothing is missed during critical moments of care. Clinical oversight is what makes that possible — it is the bridge between AI's capabilities and the clinical nuance, interdisciplinary input, and individualized decision making that hospice demands. Together, AI and skilled clinicians create a partnership that elevates the quality of documentation, protects compliance, and honors the dignity of every patient. By keeping HOPE in human hands, organizations can confidently embrace technology as a tool that enhances care at end of life.</i></p>	Brande Kirby, LPN, HCS-D, HCS- O	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.20</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.00</p>
12:30pm – 1:15pm	Lunch		
1:15pm – 2:30pm	<p>Different Roles of Physicians in the Hospice Arena</p> <p><i>Medical Director, Hospice Staff Physician, Attending Physician and Consulting Physician; does your team understand the Physicians' responsibilities.</i></p>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.50</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.25</p>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<p>How to Engage Your Team in QAPI</p> <p><i>Engaging a hospice team in QAPI (Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement) isn't just about compliance—it's about making quality feel meaningful, practical, and owned by everyone. The biggest mistake organizations make is treating QAPI like a leadership or paperwork exercise instead of a team-driven process.</i></p>	Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.50</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.25</p>



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10:30am – 12:00pm	<p>The Hospice Survey Process: What to Expect and How to Prepare</p> <p><i>Join this insightful session led by an experienced State surveyor, offering a rare inside look at the hospice survey process. Participants will gain a clear understanding of how surveys are structured, what surveyors are really looking for, and where agencies most commonly fall short. Through real-life scenarios and practical examples, this session will highlight top denial risks and provide actionable strategies to help your team prepare with confidence.</i></p>	<p>Maribeth Freland, RN</p>	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.80</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.50</p>
12:00pm – 12:15pm	Break		
12:15pm – 1:00pm	<p>Gathering the Right Information for Your Physicians CTIs through LCDs and Standardized Assessments</p> <p><i>This session will cover the essential elements of Certifications of Terminal Illness (CTIs), with a focus on how to effectively gather the necessary clinical information and identify appropriate sources within the medical record.</i></p>	<p>Annette Lee, RN, MS, HCS-D, COS-C</p>	<p>CCB CEUs: 0.90</p> <p>CNE CHs: 0.75</p>
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm – 2:30pm	<p>Social Work in Hospice-Staying Relevant</p> <p><i>We will review best practices and documentation strategies that protect both care and compliance, along with practical tips to demonstrate the measurable value of social work, while maintaining the compassion and patient-centered focus of hospice care.</i></p>	<p>Meghan Anderson, MSW, LCSW</p>	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.20</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.00</p>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	Break		
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<p>Diabetes and Other Chronic Condition Management in Hospice</p> <p><i>Care is individualized, balancing symptom relief, medication burden, and the patient's goals. Treatment is adjusted to be less aggressive and more symptom focused.</i></p>	<p>Tamara Ruggles, PharmD, BCGP, FASCP</p>	<p>CCB CEUs: 1.50</p> <p>CNE CHs: 1.25</p>