207RH0002X HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code Set

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207RH0002X Hospice and Palliative Medicine (Internal Medicine) Physician

| Taxonomy Code | 207RH0002X |
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| Status | Active |
| Level | Level III Area of Specialization |
| Short Name | Hospice and Palliative Medicine |
| Full Name | Hospice and Palliative Medicine (Internal Medicine) Physician |
| Level I, Provider Grouping | Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians |
| Level II, Classification | Internal Medicine |
| Description | An internal medicine physician with special knowledge and skills to prevent and relieve the suffering experienced by patients with life-limiting illnesses. This specialist works with an interdisciplinary hospice or palliative care team to maximize quality of life while addressing physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of both patient and family throughout the course of the disease, through the dying process, and beyond for the family. This specialist has expertise in the assessment of patients with advanced disease; the relief of distressing symptoms; the coordination of interdisciplinary patient and family-centered care in diverse venues; the use of specialized care systems including hospice; the management of the imminently dying patient; and legal and ethical decision making in end-of-life care. |
| Additional Information | Source: American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, www.aahpm.org [1/1/2007: new] |

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