2086H0002X HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE Healthcare Provider Taxonomy Code Set

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2086H0002X Hospice and Palliative Medicine (Surgery) Physician

Taxonomy Code	2086H0002X
Status	Active
Level	Level III Area of Specialization
Short Name	Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Full Name	Hospice and Palliative Medicine (Surgery) Physician
Level I, Provider Grouping	Allopathic & Osteopathic Physicians
Level II, Classification	Surgery
Description	A surgeon 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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