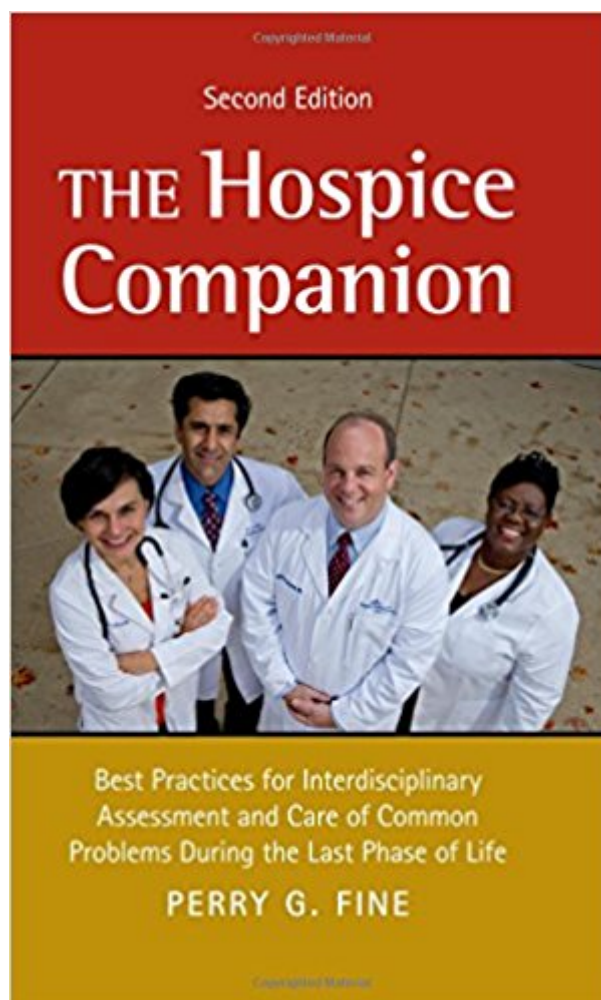




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# **The Hospice Companion: Best Practices For Interdisciplinary Assessment And Care Of Common Problems During The Last Phase Of Life**





## Synopsis

More than ever it is incumbent upon those who provide care to those with life-limiting illnesses to be keenly aware of both the extent and the limits of technological advances that can add either great burden or great benefit to seriously ill patients and their families. The Hospice Companion has been created to operationalize the mission and values of modern-day hospice through the individual and combined efforts of our most valuable asset, the hospice professional. The Hospice Companion is intended as a guide through which some mastery of the seemingly complex, challenging, and oftentimes chaotic world of advanced disease may be derived. Use of this "tool" to direct processes of care during the intensive interpersonal experiences of hospice work should allow the greatest opportunity for personal and professional growth and a deeply gratifying sense of accomplishment as you proceed in the all-important work of caring for the dying. The second edition features a thoroughly current guide to clinical processes and symptom management, providing hospice professionals with a concise summary of changes that have influenced clinical practice over the last several years. Moreover, each chapter now concludes with a list of recommended readings, culled from the complete literature searches were done for each symptom complex.

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"While there are many books that focus on care of people at the end of life, this one is written in a manner that makes it uniquely useful to its audience." -- Darrell Owens, DNP, University of Washington School of Nursing, Doody's

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Being new to hospice (RN) i wanted to have resources that would be helpful, i found this book to be VERY useful and help me understand more about hospice and end of life care

Well thought out; definitely directed toward the care providers but it provide good insight as to all those involved and those who want to be engaged in human life as it nears it's end.

These are wonderful little books for hospice nurses - bought enough to give to each of our nurses in the hospice agency

Exactly what it advertises to be, and it does it very well. Quick to reference, comprehensive, and a valuable tool in a provider's locker.

This book is full of excellent content. However, I left it in my car, and when I took it out to use as a reference, the pages fell out! I am very disappointed, as this book could have been extremely useful. I can't even get a replacement due to company policy!

Three stars for the small print that I almost can't read without extra light and I have my glasses on. I would be willing to pay more for a book that I didn't need a magnifying glass to read. However, there is a lot of good information in it.

Great resource for the hospice nurse.

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