



**HMDCB CELEBRATES FIRST CERTIFICANT RENEWALS**

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Chicago, IL – December 2019 — The Hospice Medical Director Certification Board® (HMDCB®) has recently completed its first Continuing Certification Program (CCP) examination of hospice medical directors and hospice physicians. The 2019 CCP examination allowed for certificants that initially certified in 2014 the opportunity to recertify a year early. A total of 47 certificants chose to recertify a year early. The remaining 2014 certificants will have the opportunity to complete the CCP examination in 2020.

HMDCB saw a wide variety of candidates who applied for the exam: from diverse geographical regions, job roles in hospice, professional hospice experience, and hospice size. Below is a list of certificants that recertified in 2019.

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| Lori Ann Attivissimo | Axel E Martinez Irizarry | Gloria Simonson       |
| Patricia Auxier      | Jonathan McCaleb         | Amy Swindell Cummings |
| Joel Bauman          | Sarah Minor              | Ellen Talos           |
| Katherine Brazzale   | Cheri Mys                | Ruth Thomson          |
| Howard Cohen         | Balu Natarajan           | Helena Thornley       |
| Susan Coss           | Patricia Neuman          | Roger Trotter         |
| Todd Cote            | Kerrienne Page           | Ronald VanBuskirk     |
| Robert Dohner        | Nicholas Parise          | Jacquelyn Vander Wall |
| James Donald         | Anca Petrascu            | Kevin Weikart         |
| William Downey       | Brian Quinn              | Gerald Wilmes         |
| Jennifer Ellis       | Michael Raphelson        | Jennifer Winters      |
| Chad Farmer          | Patrick Renick           | Sonja Wyche           |
| Bruce Goodman        | Patricia Sadler          | Mark Yackley          |
| Dena Lacara          | Stanley Savinese         | Holly Yang            |
| Annemarie Linares    | Richard Schmidt          |                       |
| John Manfredonia     | Sonia Schuemann          |                       |

HMDCB is committed to improving patients’ quality of life by promoting the excellence and professional competence of the distinctive role of the hospice physician. To search for certified HMDCs, visit the “[Find an HMDC](#)” directory. The 2020 CCP Examination application cycle will open May 20, 2020.

For more information about HMDCB, visit [www.HMDCB.org](http://www.HMDCB.org), email [info@hmdcb.org](mailto:info@hmdcb.org), or call 847.375.6740.

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