

# Steering Committee Report

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# Steering Committee Report

- Discussion of identifying practices at biannual meetings
  - Practices are already identified at regional meetings
  - Plan: Bring to each region this fall for discussion
- January 2025 Med Onc Biannual Meeting
  - Half-day meeting (shorter than previous meetings)
  - Addressing those things that keep you up at night



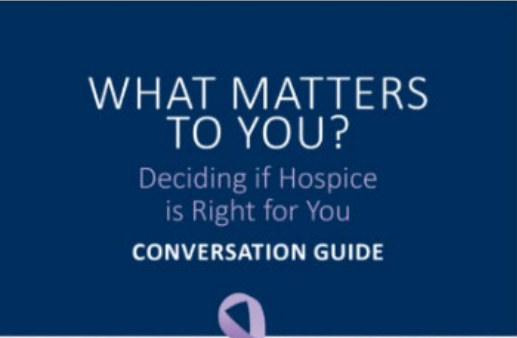
# Palliative Care and End-of-Life Task Force

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# Palliative Care and End-of-Life Task Force Resources

- Existing Resources
  - <https://moqc.org/resources/printed-resources/>
    - Five Wishes Guide
    - Hospice Myths and Realities
    - How to Choose a Hospice
    - Palliative Care vs. Hospice Care
    - ...and more!
- In development:
  - Discussing Hospice Early and Often



**PALLIATIVE CARE <VS> HOSPICE DIFFERENCES**

**Palliative care**  
Palliative care provides treatment that enhances comfort and improves the quality of a person's life.

- Provided at the same time as treatment
- Not always related to death or progress to death
- Focuses on treatment and comfort
- Not all palliative care is hospice care

**PHILOSOPHY**

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Patients at any stage of advanced and life-threatening illness, without time restrictions
- Throughout the illness, including the active treatment phase

**CARE TEAM**

May include

- Doctor specializing in palliative care
- Nurse
- Aide
- Dietician
- Social Worker
- Pharmacist
- Spiritual Counselor
- Therapist
- Volunteer

**LOCATION**

Palliative care is often received in an institution such as a hospital. It may also be received at home, a clinic or nursing home.

**HOSPICE**  
Hospice is a service that comes to the patient, wherever the patient resides. This can include a private home, skilled nursing facility, or residential hospice.

**INSURANCE**

Paid for by the following

- Medicare – coverage provided under Medicare Part B, with applicable co-pays and fees.
- Medicaid – coverage provided by standard Medicaid benefits, with applicable co-pays and fees.
- Private Insurance – coverage is dependent upon insurance.

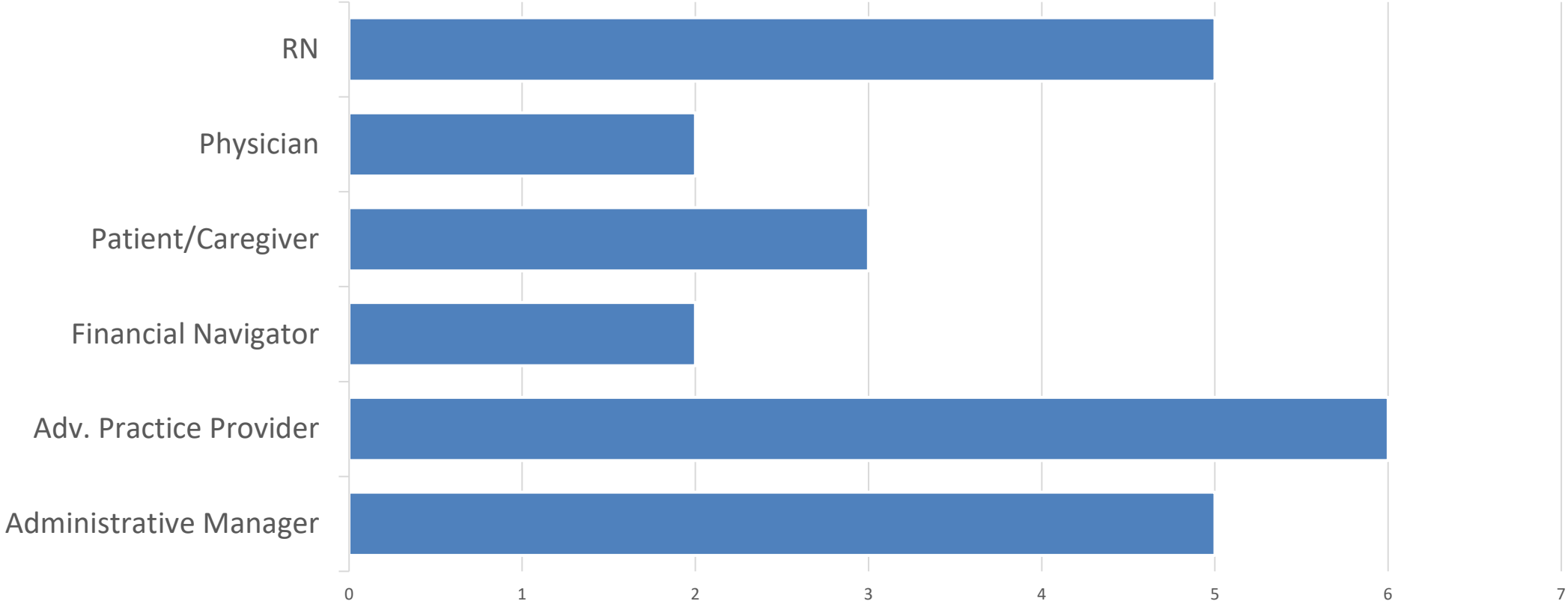
**SIMILARITIES**

- Provides relief from pain and other symptoms
- Offers a support system to help patients improve their quality of life
- Provides care for psychological and spiritual needs
- Offers a support system to help caregivers cope during illness
- Uses a team approach of patients, families, and caregivers

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# Palliative Care and End-of-Life Task Force Update

MOQC/VitalTalk Training Participation  
June 2024  
(23 trainees total)



# MOQC/Center to Advance Palliative Care Training Program

- MOQC/CAPC designation
- Will be open to APPs (first wave)
  - Self-paced educational modules
  - Assessing the needs and concerns of patients
  - Strengthening the clinician-patient relationship and understanding goals of care
  - Managing pain and symptoms
  - Preventing crises and helping patients plan ahead
- Office hours
- Case conferences



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