

New Study and State-by-State Report Card on Access to Hospital Palliative Care; Shows Where You Live Matters

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With palliative care programs emerging as an important new trend in United States hospitals, CAPC is releasing its state-by-state "report card" today. The report, *America's Care of Serious Illness: A State-by-State Report Card on Access to Palliative Care in our Nation's Hospitals*, is based on a study published in the October 2008 issue of the *Journal of Palliative Medicine*.

You are in an excellent position to leverage news of the Report Card results to explain your work and your program to the press and the public. We are providing you with some materials to help you and your hospital respond to any potential media inquiries about the report and your program:

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Please share this information with your institution's press office. These materials can be used as-is or tailored to meet specific needs. Regardless of your State's ratings, or the status of your specific program at the time the data was collected, your *current* status is what matters most.

To see your state ratings and the report, visit www.capc.org/reportcard.

The Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) provides health care professionals with the tools, training, and technical assistance necessary to start and sustain successful palliative care programs in hospitals and other health care settings. Located at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, CAPC is a national organization dedicated to increasing the availability of quality palliative care services for people facing serious illness. www.capc.org

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