



National Council for Hospice and Palliative Professionals

BEREAVEMENT PROFESSIONAL SECTION

NCHPP: What is it?



- **NCHPP is a collaborative of 15 discipline specific professional sections advancing end-of-life care within their disciplines.**
- **NCHCPP's on-line resources, forums and networking will help you grow professionally, find new solutions, contribute to the field, and elevate the national profile of your program.**

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- **Professional communities**
- **Discussion Posts**
- **Monthly Chats**
- **Library entries**
- **Blog**

Please contact us...



- if you have questions about membership
- if you have topics you would like us to discuss
- if you would like a mentor
- if you would like to become a section committee member



Wearing Multiple Hats in Hospice May 10th, 2017

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What hats do you wear?



- **Bereavement and Social Work**
- **Bereavement and Spiritual Care**
- **Bereavement and Volunteer**
- **Some other combination**
- **Any all-in-ones?**

Why does this happen?



- **Newer companies or sites may not be big enough to have dedicated full time staff for each discipline**
- **Company structure**
- **Declining census**
- **Company mergers**
- **The “B” word (Budget)**

Challenges to this structure:



- Bereavement often takes a back seat
- Live patients take precedence and are more likely to experience a crisis needing immediate attention
- Even if live patient census declines, bereavement census continues to grow
- It can be very difficult to juggle and prioritize when being pulled in different directions
- Needing to advocate for each role and at what point do things change?
- Feeling competent-usually we have one role we feel more comfortable with

Group Question



**HOW DO YOU ALL MAKE
IT WORK?**

**WHAT ARE SOME GOOD
TIPS AND TRICKS TO
KEEP SANE?**



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