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Family Hospice Chief Medical Officer Earns Hospice Medical Director Certification

PITTSBURGH, PA – September 14, 2016 – **Keith Lagnese, MD, FACP, HMDC of Pittsburgh, PA**, chief medical officer of Family Hospice and Palliative Care, recently earned the Hospice Medical Director Certification. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Lagnese joined Family Hospice in November 2015 and has been building on his experience with hospice and caring for patients with life-limiting illnesses.



“As the field of hospice and palliative medicine evolves, accreditation of hospice physician leaders is vital in order to promote quality and compliance among our nation’s long list of hospice providers,” Lagnese explains.

Having previously earned his board certification in hospice and palliative medicine, Dr. Lagnese demonstrated the command of the clinical skills and regulatory, administrative, legal, and ethical competencies required to earn the Hospice Medical Director Certification.

“Hospice and palliative medicine fellowship provides broad training in all components of palliative healthcare,” Lagnese outlines. “Hospice Medical Director Certification ensures that those physicians who want to specialize in only hospice now have a legitimate vehicle to validate their knowledge and skillset.”

About Family Hospice:

Family Hospice and Palliative Care has been providing compassionate care throughout Western Pennsylvania since 1980. As the Commonwealth’s largest nonprofit hospice provider, Family Hospice serves 20 counties in the region, helping patients make choices about their care, supporting family and friends who are grieving and educating both professionals and the community about end-of-life issues. Through a commitment to quality services, Family Hospice provides a complete continuum of care to patients and families. For more information, visit FamilyHospicePA.org, www.Facebook.com/FamilyHospicePA or [Twitter.com/Family Hospice](http://Twitter.com/FamilyHospice).

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