

The upcoming book, *The Art and Science of Palliative Medicine*, edited by Howard S. Smith and Julie G. Pilitsis

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As the Editor-in-Chief of *Annals of Palliative Medicine*, Dr. Howard S. Smith had been dedicated to the palliative care in his whole career life. Since April 2012, Dr. Smith had been working on the preparation of a comprehensive book on palliative medicine as a valuable guidebook for both academic and clinical education. Collaborating with the most excellent experts in the field co-authoring the book, great progress had been made in 2013 together with Dr. Julie G. Pilitsis as the co-editors. The book was named *The Art and Science of Palliative Medicine* (Figure 1), to be published by AME Publishing Company.

On May 8th, 2013, we learnt the tragic and untimely demise of Dr. Howard S. Smith with great grief. As Dr. Howard S. Smith's last but important contribution to the field of palliative care, the book *The Art and Science of Palliative Medicine* was proceeding as schedule with great efforts of Dr. Pilitsis as the editor, distinguished authors and reviewers of the book, Ms. Pya Seldner as the assistant editor, and the whole editorial team. At the moment, the book is in the final state to be published.

The book includes basically four parts, covering the most important aspects of palliative medicine. The first part of the book introduces the general palliative medicine issues, e.g., the introduction of the palliative care team and other general conceptions. The second part focuses on palliative issues in specific medical conditions, e.g., neuro-oncology, HIV and AIDS, etc. The third part is a thorough presentation of different symptom management in palliative medicine, among which pain management is given greater weight. The last part demonstrates palliative issues in special populations and circumstances. What follows is a preview of the table of content of this book.

With the release of the book, we sincerely hope it could serve as a significant edition on palliative medicine for

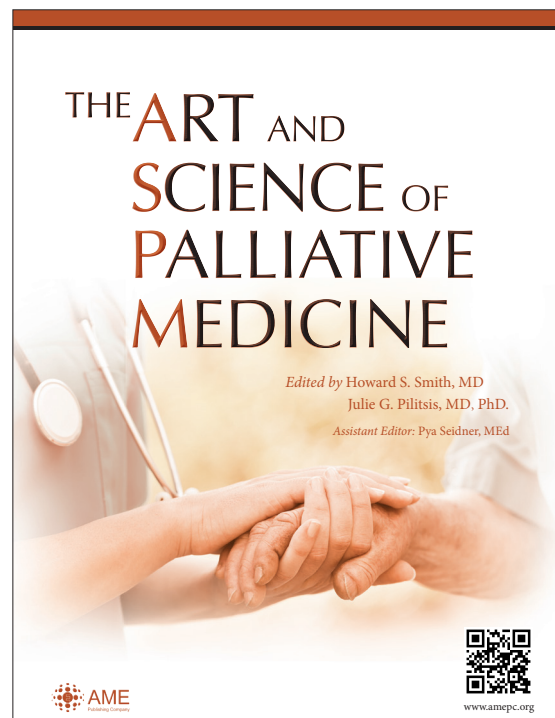


Figure 1 *The Art and Science of Palliative Medicine*, Edited by Howard S. Smith, MD; Julie G. Pilitsis, MD, PhD.

preclinical and clinical health workers as well as medical students.

The Art and Science of Palliative Medicine

Editors: Howard S. Smith MD; Julie G. Pilitsis, MD, PhD

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