

Clinical Site Visit Recommendations

To be an effective clinical palliative care training site, CAPC recommends that you have the following in place:

1. At least one Hospice and Palliative Medicine board certified physician and/or nurse with sufficient time to devote to one-on-one clinical training/supervision.
2. Administrative support to coordinate site-visitor travel logistics, including completion of any required temporary hospital privileges.
3. Access to supporting educational material: textbooks, journals, web access and [Fast Facts](#).
4. A brief outline/brochure of the training experience to provide to prospective trainees which will include the following details:
 - Trainees you will host (e.g. physicians, nurses, social workers, etc)
 - Duration and cost of training
 - Outline of a “typical” day
 - Special features your program will offer (e.g. rounding with a palliative care psychologist or half-day with an interventional pain specialist)
5. A needs assessment survey for prospective trainees in order to garner information on learner-centered training goals.
6. A site visit completion survey to obtain feedback on the experience. The survey results should be used to collect recommendations for improvements to future training sessions and curriculum content.

In preparation for becoming a clinical training site:

- Confirm that your palliative care program has been registered and operational data submitted to the [National Palliative Care Registry](#)TM.
- Review your current operational characteristics against the [CAPC Operational Features consensus article](#)¹.

¹ Weissman, D. E. and Meier, D.E. Operational features for hospital palliative care programs: consensus recommendations. J Pall Med 2008; 1189-1194.