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Nessa Coyle, PhD, FAAN, a nurse practitioner, is Director of the Supportive Care Program of the Pain and Palliative Care Service at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Her focus is on continuity of care, community education, and the effects of poorly controlled pain and other symptoms on the patient and family. She works closely with symptomatic advanced cancer patients and their families as well as with community physicians and nurses. Dr. Coyle is on the editorial boards of several oncology and palliative care journals (*Cancer Nursing Journal*; *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management*; *Journal of Palliative Medicine*; *Palliative and Supportive Care*; *Journal of Supportive Oncology*, and *International Journal of Palliative Nursing*). She is co-editor of the *Textbook of Palliative Nursing* and a contributing co-editor to a series on palliative nursing published by the *American Journal of Nursing* May 2002 – 2004. Dr. Coyle is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society, the American Pain Society, the International Association for the Study of Pain and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association. She was elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing in 1997 and was awarded the 2005 Distinguished Career Achievement Award by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association.

Patrick Coyne, RN, MSN, APRN, BC-PCM, FAAN is Clinical Nurse Specialist for Palliative Care/Pain Management at the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Care Systems, Richmond, VA. Patrick has initiated and oversees the multi-disciplinary Cancer Pain Center within the Massey Cancer Center that obtains referrals on difficult cancer/HIV pain management situations throughout the mid-Atlantic Region. He has also developed and is a member of the Palliative Care Team and is the Clinical Director for the Thomas Palliative Care Services, which seeks to augment patient needs within the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals. Mr. Coyne serves as a member of Virginia Commonwealth University Nursing and Medical faculty, lecturing graduate and undergraduate nursing students, medical and pharmacy interns as well as residents and fellows and has published numerous articles related to pain management, symptom control and issues in end-stage disease as well as conducting research studies.

Judith Paice, RN, PhD, FAAN is currently the Director of the Cancer Pain Program in the Division of Hematology-Oncology and a Research Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University; Feinberg School of Medicine. She is also a full member of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Paice is the Immediate Past President of the American Pain Society, board member of the International Association for the Study of Pain, and a past member of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research panel that developed clinical practice guidelines for cancer pain. Much of Dr. Paice's clinical work has been in the relief of pain associated with cancer and HIV disease. Her research interests include: chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy; quality improvement measures to foster pain relief; and adverse effects associated with analgesics. In 2002, the American Pain Society honored Dr. Paice with the Narcessian Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has traveled extensively internationally to educate health care professionals regarding cancer pain relief. Dr. Paice serves on the editorial board of *Clinical Journal of Pain*, *Journal of Pain*, and *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* and has published numerous articles, alone and collaboratively, in the areas of pain management and research. She earned an MS in oncology nursing from Rush University in Chicago and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago, studying pain modulation pathways in an animal model.

Thomas J. Smith, MD is currently the Medical Director of the Thomas Palliative Care Unit at Massey Cancer Center of Virginia Commonwealth University and Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology and Palliative Care. Dr. Smith's main areas of interests are access to care and improvements in the quality of care. He and his colleagues have published many articles on cost-effectiveness and rational allocation of resources, the quality of cancer care, quality improvement and models of excellence in cancer care. Dr. Smith has chaired the following: the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Health Service Research Committee (1995-1998); the National Quality Forum Task Force on Symptom Control and End-of-Life Care to set evidence based guidelines for hospital based palliative care; the ASCO committee to reduce cancer care costs; and recently, the Health Economics Service Policy and Ethics (HESPE) program for Canada to develop optimal pan-Canadian cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and control strategies. Dr. Smith has received numerous awards which include the national Humanism in Medicine award in 2000 and the ASCO "Statesman" award in 2008 for continued service in creating national practice guidelines. In addition, the Thomas Palliative Care Unit under the medical direction of Dr. Smith, has received many accolades including: the American Hospital Association "Circle of Life" award (2005); International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care best university program (2007); and the LifeNet Award for Service in organ transplantation (2007). Dr. Smith continues an active practice in medical oncology and palliative/hospice medicine with an emphasis on new treatments for breast cancer and symptom control. His work also expands internationally with continuing work with the Tanzanian Palliative Care Program (Diana Fund); the Ocean Road Tumour Institute in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; the Open Society Institute; Rockefeller Institutes and ASCO.