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—From the Foreword by Betty Ferrell, PhD, MA, FAAN, FPCN, Research Scientist, City of Hope Medical Center

The Oxford Textbook of Palliative Social Work is a comprehensive, evidence-informed text that addresses the needs of professionals who provide interdisciplinary, culturally sensitive, biopsychosocial-spiritual care for patients and families living with life-threatening illness. Social workers from diverse settings will benefit from its international scope and wealth of patient and family narratives. Unique to this scholarly text is its emphasis on the collaborative nature inherent in palliative care. This definitive resource is edited by two leading palliative social work pioneers who bring together an array of international authors who provide clinicians, researchers, policy-makers, and academicians with a broad range of content to enrich the guidelines recommended by the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care.

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