The Senator H. John Heinz III Fellowship in Palliative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh has received full accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and was commended “for its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's Requirements for Graduate Medical Education without citations.” It is one of the first 48 programs across the country to be accredited. The Hospice and Palliative Medicine Program at the University of Pittsburgh will begin its sixth year this summer. The fellowship is designed to produce the future leaders of the field and is distinctive among fellowship programs in that it offers the option of a two-year academic program with the opportunity to earn a masters degree in either clinical education or research in addition to its rigorous focus on clinical skills.

Fellows' clinical experiences span our quaternary care transplant program, the region's largest cancer program and the region’s largest community hospice provider (Family Hospice and Palliative Care) as well as our children's and community hospitals. The clinical focus of the fellowship is on acquiring skills in providing comprehensive care to patients with life-limiting illnesses in acute care, ambulatory care, home care, and long-term care settings. Fellows spend substantial time in each of these settings and follow patients longitudinally as they move between different settings. The role of the physician as a member of an interdisciplinary care team is emphasized in all clinical settings and encounters. Additional information on the program is available at [http://www.d gim.pitt.edu/spc/fellowship.html](http://www.d gim.pitt.edu/spc/fellowship.html)