



## Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award

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### ***Who makes a positive difference for hospice and palliative care in Washington and beyond?***

The Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization Board of Directors is pleased to announce **Linda Wrede-Seaman, MD, FAAFP, FACEP, FAAHPM** as the recipient of the Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award for 2021.

Dr. Wrede-Seaman's nomination notes many accolades and accomplishments:

- She and Dr. Farber were charter members of the Washington State Medical Association End of Life Care Coalition, championing WSMA panels of patients and family members to initiate end-of-life care discussion.
- With funding from the Washington State Department of Health, she served on the task force and as an advisor for the Pediatric Palliative Care Project, working with Children's Hospital in Seattle. Her publication, *Pediatric Pain and Symptom Management algorithms for Palliative Care*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, ISBN 1-888411 15 5 was the culmination of this pilot project to improve palliative care for children with life threatening illnesses.
- She worked with King County-Seattle Public Health Department in 2008, developing algorithmic models of care for palliative care assessment and management for individuals involved in a pandemic influenza setting.
- Dr. Seaman received the Commonwealth Award in 2009 at the University of Kentucky, College of Medicine, honoring her pioneering contribution to promote and create the new medical specialty of palliative medicine and her 19 years of patient advocacy for improving end of life care.
- She was one of the first physicians to become board certified in Hospice and Palliative Medicine.
- Currently, she teaches as adjunct faculty for Pacific Northwest Health Sciences Center's osteopathic medical school in Yakima.
- Dr. Seaman and her late husband Dr. Matt Seaman, authored the book *Symptom Management Algorithms, a Handbook for Palliative Care*, now in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

Dr. Wrede-Seaman "remains a strong advocate for patient self-determination and partnering with patients to make wellness, preservation of function, and quality of life important discussion for goals of care."

### **ABOUT THE AWARD**

Dr. Stu Farber was a palliative care pioneer who helped the field develop and later thrive in Washington. He was the force behind the establishment of clinical palliative care at the University of Washington Medical Center. Dr. Farber and his wife, Annalu Farber, created the Stuart J. Farber, MD and Annalu Farber Endowed Professorship in Palliative Care Education in the Department of Family Medicine at UW Medicine.

Dr. Farber was held in high esteem by colleagues across the state and by Washington State Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (WSHPCO) members who considered him an inspirational leader. He served on the WSHPCO's Board of Directors from 2003 – 2005 and WSHPCO is ever grateful for Dr. Farber and

his work that changed the face of end-of-life care in our state.

In 2015 the WSHPCO Board created an annual award to honor Dr. Farber and his contributions and to continue to recognize excellence in hospice and palliative care in perpetuity.

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## Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award Nomination Form

To nominate someone for the *Dr. Stuart Farber Excellence in Hospice & Palliative Care Award*, please complete the information below and **submit via email to [hansen@wshpco.org](mailto:hansen@wshpco.org) by noon on August 31, 2022**. Each WSHPCO member palliative care or hospice program may submit one nomination.

<b>Nominating Program</b>
Program name:
Nominator's Name/Title:
Nominator's Telephone/Email:
<b>Nominee</b>
Name/Title:
Address:
Telephone/Email:
<b>Reason for Nomination:</b>