

## PROFILE



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Betty Ferrell, Ph.D., has been in nursing for more than 37 years and has focused her clinical expertise and research in pain management, quality of life, and palliative care. Dr. Ferrell is the Director in the Division of Nursing Research and Education and a Professor in the Department of Population Sciences within Beckman Research Institute of City of Hope.

In 2013, Dr. Ferrell was named one of the 30 Visionaries in the field by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and she has over 350 publications in peer-reviewed journals and texts. She is Principal Investigator of a Program funded by the National Cancer Institute on “Palliative Care for Quality of Life and Symptom Concerns in Lung Cancer” and Principal Investigator of the “End-of-Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC)” project.

She directs several other funded projects related to palliative care in cancer centers and QOL issues. Dr. Ferrell is a member of the Board of Scientific Advisors of the National Cancer Institute and was Chairperson of the National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care. Dr. Ferrell completed a Masters degree in Theology, Ethics and Culture from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. She has authored nine books including her latest book *Communication in Palliative Nursing* (Oxford University Press, 2013). Other titles include: *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Nursing*, 4th ed. (Oxford University Press, 2015), *Making Health Care Whole: Integrating Spirituality into Patient Care* (Templeton Press, 2010), and *The Nature of Suffering and the Goals of Nursing* (Oxford University Press, 2008).