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Brown’s medical school, Hope Hospice RI extend affiliation

A new five-year agreement continues the formal educational partnership between the Alpert Medical School and Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island.

Providence, RI – The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and [Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island](#) have renewed and expanded their affiliation for five more years, the institutions announced on Tuesday, July 12.

Dr. Jack A. Elias, dean of medicine and biological sciences at Brown, said the renewal between Rhode Island’s medical school and its largest not-for-profit hospice and palliative care organization emphasizes the importance of training new and future physicians in compassionate care for those who are seriously ill.

“Comforting and guiding patients and their loved ones at the end of life is an essential responsibility of medical practice,” Elias said. “We are glad to have a leading educational partner in Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, where the staff, including some of our faculty members, provide empathetic care to residents in need throughout Rhode Island.”

Hope Hospice RI President & CEO Diana Franchitto praised the new accord and the partnership it represents.

“The renewal of this agreement between such a prominent, renowned medical school and a national hospice and palliative care leader underscores the growing emergence of hospice and

palliative care into mainstream medicine,” Franchitto said. “This affiliation is the first of its kind in the nation and it continues to represent the kind of innovative, visionary thinking and the spirit of collaboration that has been a mainstay in both organizations from our early beginnings.”

“We are honored this renewal allows us to continue to train the next generation of physicians to understand the role and importance of caring for those who are seriously ill,” said Edward W. Martin, MD, MPH, FAAHPM, Chief Medical Officer, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island and clinical associate professor, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.

Hope Hospice RI, the nation’s second oldest hospice, first affiliated with Brown in 2012, formalizing a longstanding collaboration which provides scores of students and residents training every year. Among the specific terms of the agreement, Hope Hospice & Palliative Care can now begin using Brown’s logo, adding visual strength to its designation as “The Major Teaching Affiliate for Hospice and Palliative Medicine of the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University.” The medical school will approve clerkship directors, elective directors and key faculty.

About the Warren Alpert Medical School

Since granting its first Doctor of Medicine degrees in 1975, Alpert Medical School has become a national leader in medical education and biomedical research. By attracting first-class physicians and researchers to Rhode Island over the past four decades, the Medical School and its seven affiliated teaching hospitals have improved the state’s health care environment, from health care policy to patient care.

About Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island

Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island, formerly known as Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island, is the second oldest hospice in the nation and has been a leader in hospice and palliative care for more than forty years. Now part of HopeHealth, the organization continues to help people live out the remaining time of their lives with as much comfort and dignity as possible. Today, the non-profit offers comprehensive medical, emotional and spiritual care for people facing serious illness. Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Rhode Island is the major teaching affiliate for hospice and palliative medicine for the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Learn more by calling (800) 338-6555 or visiting HopeHealthRI.org.

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