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Important Updates

The start of 2026 marks a productive period for the ASCENT Consortium, with new milestones, collaborations, and opportunities taking shape.

- Earlier this year, applications for our Pilot & Exploratory Studies and Research Scholar Awards closed. We are grateful to all who applied and successfully utilized the ASCENT Lab. Stay tuned for updates on our second RFA cycle.
- Are you following the ASCENT Consortium on LinkedIn? Our growing community-- 360 followers and counting -- is where we share important updates, from application cycles to major milestones in palliative care research. We encourage you to follow and repost ASCENT news!

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ASCENT Lab

Need expert consultation in developing your palliative care research project? The ASCENT Lab has expanded its reach, becoming available to anyone needing assistance on palliative care research projects. The Lab features rotating Core

Upcoming Events

The ASCENT Consortium is pleased to present at the State of the Science Symposium on March 4, 2026, hosted by the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA).

Attendees will have three opportunities throughout the day to learn about ASCENT and explore potential collaborations. These include the opening plenary, a networking lunch hour, and a panel featuring ASCENT leaders and palliative care journal editors examining the evolving landscape of publishing scientific results.

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Website Updates

Explore our latest website updates, featuring in-depth information on each of the

teams on a weekly basis, ensuring inquiries are met with the most relevant and helpful guidance.

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seven Cores that comprise the Consortium.

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Spotlight: Investigator in Residence

New Program for Early-Stage Investigators

On March 2, applications will open for our Investigator in Residence Program. This year-long program will provide early-stage investigators focused on serious illness care across any phase of the lifespan with career development and networking opportunities to advance their career. Each Investigator in Residence will be assigned to one of the **ASCENT Consortium Cores**. They will also receive funding to attend the ASCENT Consortium Annual Business and Scientific Meeting in Bethesda, MD, June 29-30. This is a great opportunity to receive mentorship and develop scientific and leadership capabilities. Recipients will be announced in April 2026.

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