

TPC TEXAS PALLIATIVE CARE

Early Onset
of Disease

Palliative
Care

Hospice
Care

Bereavement
Support

TPC serves as a healthcare partner guiding complex decisions and helping you define quality of life while navigating end-of-life care.

Physicians



Dr. Laura Ferguson Medical Director

Fellowship trained, and board certified in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Ferguson has been practicing in East Texas since 2008. She attended medical school at UT-Houston and trained in Internal Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine at The University of Alabama in Birmingham. She serves as the medical director for The Hospice of East Texas and Texas Palliative Care, and partners with The University of Texas - Tyler as the Program Director of the Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship. Dr. Ferguson is happily married and the mother of two boys. Her passion is advancing care for those with incurable conditions and her heart is most fulfilled when caring for her patients.



Dr. Jason Holman

Fellowship trained, and board certified in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Jason Holman obtained his MD from The University of Oklahoma and completed his dual residencies in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at The University of Missouri in Columbia. After spending more than ten years in emergency medicine, Dr. Holman returned to Missouri for a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Medicine and has since returned home to East Texas to pursue this passion with our team. Dr. Holman enjoys travel, watching Oklahoma Sooners football, spending time with his wife and three children, and getting a day off to play golf.



Dr. Amy Swan

Fellowship trained, and board certified in Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

After growing up in Mt Pleasant, Dr. Swan attended medical school at Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth. As the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, she naturally clicked with palliative and hospice medicine during her residency at UT Health Science Center in Tyler. She then completed fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center and was also on staff as Assistant Professor of Palliative Medicine. She has now returned to her native East Texas, where she is surrounded by her wonderful husband and family, the patients she loves, and her beloved Texas Rangers fans.



Dr. Stacy Abernathy

Fellowship trained, and board certified in Anesthesiology and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Upon receiving her MD at The University of Texas, Stacy Abernathy completed an Anesthesiology Residency at The University of Kansas. She practiced as a board-certified anesthesiologist in the North Dallas area for nearly ten years. While starting her family, Dr. Abernathy travelled to Lubbock and pursued a Hospice and Palliative Care fellowship at Texas Tech. Since 2019, Dr. Abernathy has served the East Texas population with her knowledge and expertise of palliative medicine. When Dr. Abernathy is not in clinic, she enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, and their many extracurricular activities.



Dr. Craig Gunter

Board certified in Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Craig Gunter grew up in Hope, Arkansas with deep East Texas roots. He attended Stephen F. Austin and then went on to receive his MD from UT Southwestern. His family's own experience with hospice led him to go into medicine and he has remained in East Texas since completing his residency. When Dr. Gunter is not working, he enjoys spending time with his wife of nearly thirty years, their three children, and serving on short-term international medical mission trips.



Dr. Stephanie West

Board certified in Family Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Stephanie West was predominantly raised in the Austin area. She completed her MD at The University of Texas at Houston, went on to complete a residency in family practice in Conroe, and spent the next 11 years working in primary and urgent care. Following this time, Dr. West proudly served in Iraq as a Medical Officer. Upon her return to the United States, Dr. West joined our team at Texas Palliative Care in 2010. She routinely provides physician oversight and makes house calls for the home care patients of The Hospice of East Texas. When she is not working, Dr. West enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters and tending to their farm.

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Nurse Practitioners



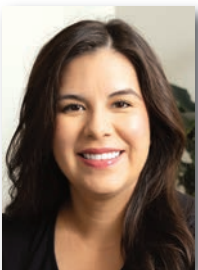
Amy Everett MSN, APRN, FNP-C
Amy completed her degree in nursing at The University of Texas - Tyler and went on to spend eight years working with The Hospice of East Texas before deciding to become a nurse practitioner. With now more than 11 years of experience in this field, Amy is able to enrich the lives of the patients and their families under her care, but also to the colleagues that are blessed to work with her. When she is not caring for patients, Amy can be found at home enjoying time outdoors with her husband and their much-loved dogs.



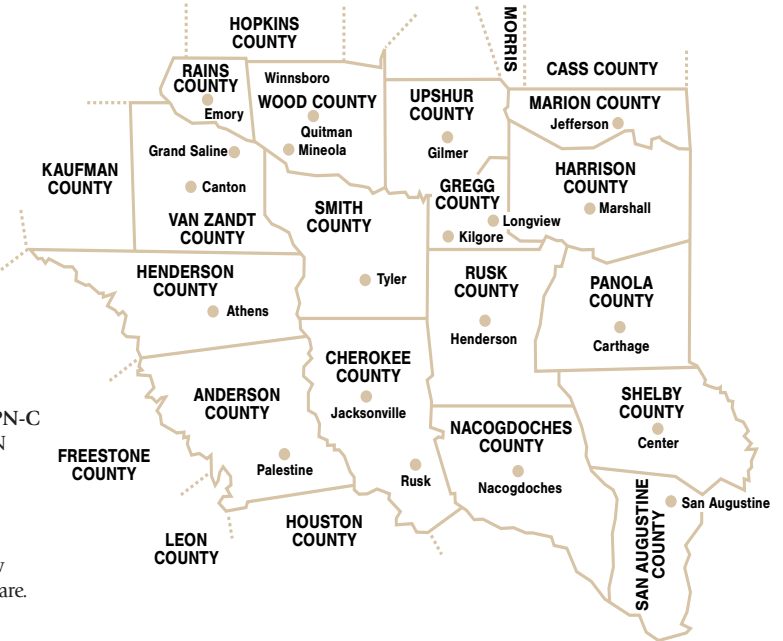
Cammie Bedell MSN, APRN, FNP-C, ACHPN-C
Beginning her career as a LVN and then obtaining her BSN from The University of Texas - Tyler in 2007, Cammie spent 12 years working with The Hospice of East Texas in various roles before returning to further her career as a nurse practitioner. Cammie has remained a vital asset to The Hospice of East Texas over the past 24 years, with now half of those years working directly with Texas Palliative Care. When Cammie is not seeing patients, her favorite place to be is with her new grandson, Colton.



Matt Burkland MSN, APRN, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC
Matt was born and raised in Redwater, TX before moving to DFW and completing his BSN at UT Arlington in 2013. He moved back to East Texas and completed his FNP at UT Tyler in 2018 followed by his Acute Care NP at University of Pennsylvania in 2021. He has worked in various roles in hospital medicine and hospice. He joined Texas Palliative Care in 2023 and provides consults for both inpatient and outpatient. In his free time, Matt enjoys spending time with his two boys, travelling, and staying active.



Melissa Crossman MSN, APRN, FNP-C
Melissa began her nursing career on the medical oncology unit at a local hospital before spending some time working with The Hospice of East Texas, and eventually venturing into travel nursing. Melissa then completed her Nurse Practitioner degree at The University of Texas at Tyler and joined our team at Texas Palliative Care to provide excellent attention with her vast knowledge in oncology and hospice/palliative medicine. When Melissa is not working, she is happiest spending time with her husband and their growing family.



How Texas Palliative Care Can Help

- Manage complex symptoms
- Assist in communication between patients and their families
- Focus on outpatient care with an emphasis on reducing hospital readmission
- Work with your care team to address all areas of discomfort: physical, emotional, social and spiritual
- Services may continue through your healthcare journey, whether in a hospital, our clinic or community setting.