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**NEWS**  
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**Unity's Assistant Medical Director Achieves Specialty Certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine**

**Green Bay, Wis. – February 28, 2011** – Unity, leaders in hospice and palliative care, is pleased to announce that its Assistant Medical Director, Amanda Sommerfeldt, MD, received the Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) in Hospice and Palliative Medicine from the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM). Sommerfeldt joins Unity Medical Director Rance Hafner, MD, and Unity physician James McGovern, MD, in earning this special certification.

The American Board of Family Medicine, in a joint venture with the American Board of Internal Medicine and eight other specialty boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties, offers the certificate to recognize excellence among certified physicians who emphasize the care of seriously ill and dying patients in their practice. The field of hospice and palliative medicine is based on expanding scientific knowledge about symptom control when cure is not possible and appropriate care during the last months of life.

Promoting professional development is a core value at Unity. Subspecialty certificates granted by the ABFM are widely recognized by government, healthcare systems, insurers and patients themselves as essential tools to judge that a physician has the knowledge, experience and skills for providing quality healthcare within a given specialty or subspecialty and are considered the premium standard for care. Unity recognizes the growing demand within the communities it serves for quality, end-of-life care services provided by skilled professionals and takes pride in its physicians' achievements.

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As Assistant Medical Director, Dr. Sommerfeldt oversees hospice and palliative patient care, and works with nursing staff, social workers, chaplains, grief counselors and volunteers to deliver the highest quality care possible to patients and their families. Sommerfeldt joined the Unity team in August of 2010.

In addition to her certification in Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Dr. Sommerfeldt is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM). She is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the American Medical Association (AMA), the Medical Society of Wisconsin and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM). She resides in De Pere, Wisconsin, with her husband, Scott, and their son, Liam.

### **About Unity**

Unity is a not-for-profit provider of community-based hospice and palliative care, residential hospice care and grief support in 12 counties in Northeast Wisconsin. Unity is a member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) and the Hospice Organization and Palliative Experts (HOPE) of Wisconsin. Unity is a partnership of Green Bay's three not-for-profit hospitals – Bellin Health, St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital.

Unity is based in the Green Bay area with offices in Marinette, Shawano and Sturgeon Bay. For more information call (920) 338-1111 or visit [www.unityhospice.org](http://www.unityhospice.org).

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