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Dr. Ferris is particularly interested in educational and research strategies to grow palliative care clinicians and leaders, and advance palliative care globally. He has published and spoken widely on many palliative care subjects, including effective approaches to caring for patients and families, education and program implementation.

Other Appointments:

- Clinical Associate Professor of Hospice and Palliative Care, Department of Specialty Medicine, [Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), Athens, Ohio
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, [Ohio State University College of Medicine](#), Columbus, Ohio
- Member, Board of Trustees, [OhioHealth Research and Innovation Institute](#), Columbus, Ohio
- Chair, International Education Steering Group, [American Society of Clinical Oncology](#), Alexandria, Virginia
- Past Chair, Education Council, [American Society of Clinical Oncology](#), Alexandria, Virginia

Key Accomplishments:

- Principal of [Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Curriculum \(PCIC\)](#)
- Principal of [International Leadership Development Initiative](#) & [International Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program](#)
- Member of the Board, [International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care](#), 2008-2013
- Fellow and Past President, [American Association for Cancer Education](#) (FAACE), 2010
- Coprincipal and Author / Editor, [Education on Palliative and End-of-life Care \(EPEC\)](#) and [EPEC-Oncology](#) Projects
- Author / Editor, *A Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: based on National Principles and Norms Of Practice*, [Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association \(CHPCA\)](#) for which he was awarded a [Golden Jubilee Medal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by the Governor General of Canada, May 2003](#), and a [National Leadership Award by CHPCA in September 2005](#)

Education / Honors:

- [AAHPM Visionary, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, March 2018](#)
- [2014 Master Faculty Award, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dublin, Ohio, July 2015](#)
- Doctoris Honoris Causa Degree from Tbilisi State University, February 2011.
- [Fellow, and Past President, American Association for Cancer Education \(FAACE\), 2010](#)
- [Fellow, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine \(FAAHPM\), 2008](#)
- [Faculty Scholar, Project on Death in America, 1998-2000](#)
- Board Certified, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, [American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine](#), 1998-2013
- Fellowship, Pain and Symptom Management, [Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre](#), 1987-1991
- Postgraduate training, Internal Medicine and Radiation Oncology, [University of Toronto](#), 1981-1987
- Medical Degree, [McMaster Medical School](#), Hamilton, Ontario, 1981
- Honors Bachelor of Science Degree, Cooperative Applied Chemistry, [University of Waterloo](#), 1975

Key Publications

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