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Janet L. Abraham is a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and an institute physician practicing palliative care at DFCI and Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH). In 2001, after 20 years as a practicing hematologist/oncologist, Abraham created the first palliative care service and the first palliative care fellowship at DFCI and BWH.

Abraham has spent over 10 years as a faculty member in the national DFCI Master Course for oncologists, speaking on a broad array of cancer-related palliative care topics. Since 2010, Abraham has participated internationally in the Education in Palliative and End-of-Life-Oncology course as a master teacher.

Her work in this area has led to numerous accolades and awards as a thought leader, mentor, and educator. Along with her work at DFCI, Abraham continues her work as an innovator in the field of palliative care, participating in a research team that leverages national clinical practice guidelines to harness clinical decision support to enhance oncologists' management of their patients' symptoms.

On her website, JanetAbraham.com, she provides oncology clinicians with resources for pain and symptom management, communication, end-of-life care, and other topics to help oncologists alleviate the suffering cancer causes for patients, their families, and themselves.

