

International Palliative Care Family-carer Research Collaboration

Newsletter

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New Resource Launched for Family Carers

All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIIHPC) and Queen's University Belfast have developed a new resource to help carers providing support to a person who needs palliative care.

Caring for Carers is dedicated to providing core information for family members or friends who are providing support to a person who needs palliative care. The website was created by a team led by Professor Peter Hudson in collaboration with AIIHPC and a working group made up of family carers and former carers, carer organisations, health and social care professionals and charities. The site, hosted on www.thepalliativehub.com contains videos, downloads, links and information that has been created by a group of experts, including carers, from across the island of Ireland.

Speaking at the launch of the website, Karen Charnley, AIIHPC Head of Institute, said: "We are delighted to announce the launch of *Caring for Carers*, which represents another key stepping stone in providing information to the public on palliative care. Family carers play a huge and critical role in caring for people with palliative care needs and it is fitting we should launch this website during Carers Week 2017 which is dedicated to the amazing work that carers do on a daily basis."

Over the coming months *Caring for Carers* will continue to be developed with additional information and stories from people who have cared for or are caring for someone with palliative care needs.

Would you like to be profiled in the IPCFRC e-News?

One of the key objectives of the IPCFRC is to encourage researchers interested in family caregiver research to make connections and collaborate. To help enable this we would like to offer members the opportunity to be profiled in the IPCFRC e-News. One researcher will be profiled within each edition.

If you are interested in being considered, please provide the details below to centre.palliativecare@svha.org.au with the subject 'IPCFRC member profile'.

Please provide the following details: Your Name, Professional Role/Title, Discipline, Institution, City/Country, Specific area of interest in family caregiver research and your Email address (so that other members can contact you directly).

Review of literature related to family carer research

One of the initiatives of the IPCFRC is to compile a listing of publications related to family caregiver research in palliative care. This list is updated annually, and serves as a key resource to aid those who are looking for peer-reviewed publications related to family caregivers. The 2017 version is available as a downloadable resource on the [\[IPCFRC website\]](#).

Upcoming IPCFRC Event

An open meeting for current and prospective IPCFRC members at the [10th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)] in Bern, Switzerland in May 2018 is currently under planning. We will update you once the details are confirmed.

Open meetings provide the opportunity for members and prospective members to hear about what is happening in the IPCFRC community and what IPCFRC has to offer, as well as meet the IPCFRC Executive Committee and their fellow IPCFRC members.

Conferences relevant to IPCFRC members

25th International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPCON)

Dates: February 23-28, 2018

Location: New Delhi, India

Website: [\[IAPCON 2018\]](#)

Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) & Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) 2018

Dates: March 14-17, 2018

Location: Boston MA, USA

Website: [\[AAHPM & HPNA 2018\]](#)

12th Palliative Care Congress

Date: March 15-16, 2018

Location: Bournemouth, UK

Website: [\[PCC 2018\]](#)

10th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)

Dates: May 24-26, 2018

Location: Bern, Switzerland

Website: [\[EAPC 2018\]](#)

International Death, Grief & Bereavement Conference 2018

Dates: June 4-6, 2018

Location: Chicago, USA

Website: [\[DGB 2018\]](#)

Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC)/

International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO)

Annual Meeting on Supportive Care in Cancer 2018

Dates: June 28-30, 2018

Location: Vienna, Austria

Website: [\[MASCC/ISOO 2018\]](#)

Membership

The IPCFRC has 235 registered members from many countries of the world, including; Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, UK & USA.

Individuals from all continents with a genuine interest in palliative care research related to family carers may become individual members of the IPCFRC. Membership is free. To formalise your membership please complete the [\[online form\]](#) on the IPCFRC website.



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Recent articles relevant to IPCFRC members

In each edition we will feature some recently published articles relevant to IPCFRC members.

If you have published in a peer-reviewed journal recently and the subject matter is relevant to the IPCFRC community, please email centre.palliativecare@svha.org.au with the subject 'IPCFRC Newsletter' and we will feature your publication in an upcoming edition.

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