



International
Palliative Care
Family Carer
Research
Collaboration



Interested in research about
family carers of people requiring
palliative care?

The International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration

Background

The World Health Organization recommends that family carers of people requiring palliative care should be offered optimal support from health and social care professionals. However, there is a shortage of evidence-based strategies to support family carers. Also, there are only a small number of researchers who are focusing specifically on family carer research in palliative care and limited research funding opportunities.

The inaugural meeting of the International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration (IPCFRC) occurred at the European Association for Palliative Care Research Congress, held in Italy in 2006.



Collaborators and governance

The IPCFRC operates under the auspices of the European Association for Palliative Care. The IPCFRC administrative office is based at the Centre for Palliative Care (c/- St Vincent's Hospital and Collaborative Centre of The University of Melbourne), Australia.

The IPCFRC currently operates without any recurrent funding and would like to formally acknowledge the following institutions which have provided funds and/or in kind contributions to assist in the establishment and evolution of the collaboration:

- Centre for Palliative Care, (c/- St Vincent's Hospital and Collaborative Centre of The University of Melbourne), Australia
- St Christopher's Hospice, United Kingdom; and
- International Observatory on End of Life Care, Lancaster University, United Kingdom;

The IPCFRC actively considers formal collaborations with other institutions from all continents and welcomes financial contributions in order to foster its mission.

The activities of the IPCFRC are overseen by a Committee comprising members from Africa, Canada, United States, United Kingdom, South America, Europe and Australia. Committee members provide their services to IPCFRC without financial remuneration.

Membership

Individuals from all continents with a genuine interest in palliative care research related to family carers and who are committed to assisting the IPCFRC to meet its objectives may become individual members. There is no membership fee.

To register as a member, please complete the online form at: <http://ipcfrc.centreforpallcare.org>

Vision

To improve evidence based support provided to family carers of palliative care patients.

Mission

To foster interdisciplinary and international research that focuses on improving support to family caregivers of palliative care patients.

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