



International Palliative Care
Family Carer Research Collaboration

International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration (IPCFRC) Newsletter

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1. Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration (IPCFRC) newsletter.

2. IPCFRC background

The IPCFRC vision is to improve evidence based support provided to family carers of palliative care patients via interdisciplinary and international research initiatives. The IPCFRC operates under the auspices of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) and the administrative office is based at the Centre for Palliative Care, (c/o St Vincent's Hospital and collaborative Centre of The University of Melbourne, Australia). For information on the background to the establishment of the IPCFRC, its collaborators, and its objectives please refer to the IPCFRC website: ipcfrc.centreforpallcare.org

3. Membership

The IPCFRC now has over 142 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.

IPCFRC Membership provides the opportunity to be affiliated with a professional organisation, to collaborate with other researchers who share similar interests and research goals, and to remain up to date with the latest research related to family carers and palliative care. Individual membership is free-of-charge. To formalise your membership please go to the membership page of the IPCFRC website and complete the form.

4. Recent family carer related publications

The IPCFRC tracks research and review publications that relate to family carers. For a list of recent publications, please visit the resources page of our website.

Some recent publication highlights include;

Aoun, S., M. O'Connor, et al. (2012). "Do models of care designed for terminally ill 'home alone' people improve their end-of-life experience? A patient perspective." *Health & Social Care in the Community* 20(6): 599-606.

Aoun, S. M., S. L. Connors, et al. (2012). "Motor Neurone Disease family carers' experiences of caring, palliative care and bereavement: An exploratory qualitative study." *Palliative Medicine* 26(6): 842-850.

Brazil, K., D. Bainbridge, et al. (2012). "Family caregiver views on patient-centred care at the end of life." *Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences* 26(3): 513-518.

Brazil, K., S. Kaasalainen, et al. (2013). "A Comparison of Support Needs Between Rural and Urban Family Caregivers Providing Palliative Care." *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.

Chang, B.-H., N. R. Stein, et al. (2012). "Spiritual needs and spiritual care for veterans at end of life and their families." *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine* 29(8): 610-617.

Eastman, P., B. Le, et al. (2012). "The establishment and initial outcomes of a palliative care bereavement service." *Palliative Medicine* 26(7): 961-962.

Grenader, T. and L. Shavit (2012). "Massive pulmonary embolism in wife-caregiver of terminally ill patient with sarcoma." *American Journal of Hospice & Palliative Medicine* 29(6): 491-492.

Guerriere, D. N., B. Zagorski, et al. (2013). "Family caregiver satisfaction with home-based nursing and physician care over the palliative care trajectory: Results from a longitudinal survey questionnaire." *Palliative Medicine*.

Horton, R., G. Rucker, et al. (2013). "Implementing a Palliative Care Trial in Advanced COPD: A Feasibility Assessment (The COPD IMPACT Study)." *J Palliat Med* 16(1): 67-73.

Hudson, P., T. Trauer, et al. (2013). "Reducing the psychological distress of family caregivers of home-based palliative care patients: short-term effects from a randomised controlled trial." *Psycho-Oncology*: In Press.

Ishii, Y., M. Miyashita, et al. (2012). "A family's difficulties in caring for a cancer patient at the end of life at home in Japan." *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* 44(4): 552-562.

Robinson, C. A., B. Pesut, et al. (2012). "Supporting rural family palliative caregivers." *Journal of Family Nursing* 18(4): 467-490.

Schulman-Green, D., E. Ercolano, et al. (2012). "Validation of the knowledge of care options instrument to measure knowledge of curative, palliative, and hospice care." *Journal of Palliative Medicine* 15(10): 1091-1098.

Ward-Griffin, C., C. L. McWilliam, et al. (2012). "Relational experiences of family caregivers providing home-based end-of-life care." *Journal of Family Nursing* 18(4): 491-516.

Williams, S. W., S. Zimmerman, et al. (2012). "Family caregiver involvement for long-term care residents at the end of life." *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences* 67B(5): 595-604.

Wittenberg-Lyles, E., J. Goldsmith, et al. (2012). "Targeting Communication Interventions to Decrease Caregiver Burden." *Seminars in Oncology Nursing* 28(4): 262-270.

5. IPCFRC Endnote Library

The IPCFRC Endnote library is regularly updated. It is a comprehensive library of research and review articles related to family carers (including family carers in the context of palliative care, other illness groups e.g. aged care, mental health and disabilities). It is available for download under the resources section of our website.

Please note: You will need to have the Endnote program on your computer in order to open the file.

Members are welcome to contribute articles to the library by emailing them to centreforpallcare@svhm.org.au with the subject heading 'IPCFRC'.

6. Research funding

For an up to date list of International funding opportunities please visit:
<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/458/Default.aspx>

or the University of Melbourne's research grants page:
<http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/rgc/grants/find/international/internationalfunding/>

7. Conferences

13th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care 2013

The 13th World Congress will be held at Prague, Czech Republic from May 30 – June 2 2013. For more information please visit: <http://www.eapc-2013.org/>

15th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy 2013

The 15th World Congress will be held at Rotterdam, The Netherlands from 4 - 8 November 2013. For more information please visit: <http://www.ipos-society.org/ipos2013/>

For a list of other conferences related to palliative care, please visit

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/74/Default.aspx>

8. IPCFRC Meetings

Upcoming

Workshop: Evidence Based Strategies to Support Family Carers

European Association for Palliative Care 13th World Congress Pre conference workshop,
Thursday 30th May 2013 11.30 - 13.00, Prague, Czech Republic.

Focus of the workshop lies on outlining examples of family carer interventions or strategies that have direct practical applicability and are evidence based.

Registrations are being accepted at <http://www.eapc-2013.org/>

Open Meeting of the IPCFRC

Will be held on Friday 31st May 2013 13.15 – 13.45 (room to be confirmed), at the European Association for Palliative Care 13th World Congress in Prague, Czech Republic.

Recent

There was an open meeting of the IPCFRC, at the 19th International Congress on Palliative Care in Montreal, Canada in October 2012 and was chaired by Peter Hudson.

There was an open meeting of the IPCFRC, at the 7th World Research Congress of the EAPC in Trondheim, Norway in June 2012 and was chaired by Professor Shelia Payne and Professor Gunn Grande.

9. Contributions

We would like to encourage members to contribute to the IPCFRC: newsletter, endnote library, or to add relevant resources to the IPCFRC website. Please email us at: centreforpallcare@svhm.org.au with the subject heading 'IPCFRC'.

10. Further information

For further information please contact the IPCFRC administrative office on +61 3 9416 0000 or email: centreforpallcare@svhm.org.au with the subject heading 'IPCFRC'.

Thank you for your interest.