

THE BUDAPEST COMMITMENTS – project document

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Background information is available on the EAPC website:

(<http://www.eapcnet.org/congresses/Budapest2007/Budapest2007Commitments.htm>)

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APM

EAPC Collective member



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Short description of the underlying problems that the commitments are aimed at

Lack of research infrastructure for clinical and translational research in palliative medicine. Few opportunities for research training and supervision. Little support for research activity outside NHS institutions.

Description of commitments (if more than one please list, please try to define clear, realistic and measurable goals for each commitment)

1. Develop a science strategy which promotes research and science in palliative medicine for the whole membership.

2. Establish a network of APM research champions to facilitate local research activity and act as a resource for aspiring researchers.

3. Develop a common framework of principles to address issues related to conducting research on non-NHS sites, especially indemnity issues, in collaboration with other interested parties.

Goal, measurement of success and time (please list at least one outcome measurement for each commitment)

1. APM science strategy 2010

2. Network of APM research champions 2010

3. Framework of principles for conducting palliative medicine research in non-NHS sites

Short description of methodology and working process

The APM Science Committee will develop a strategy to promote scientific activity amongst the whole membership. Local research champions will be appointed by the APM to facilitate local research activity by supplying advice and guidance to new

researchers. We will form a collaboration with academic, commercial and charitable partners to create a common framework of principles to guide palliative medicine researchers in non-NHS settings.

In collaboration or cooperation with other organisations



Names of other organisations

Palliative Care Research Society, National Cancer Research Institute.