

# **”The European Palliative Care Research Collaborative” (EPCRC)**

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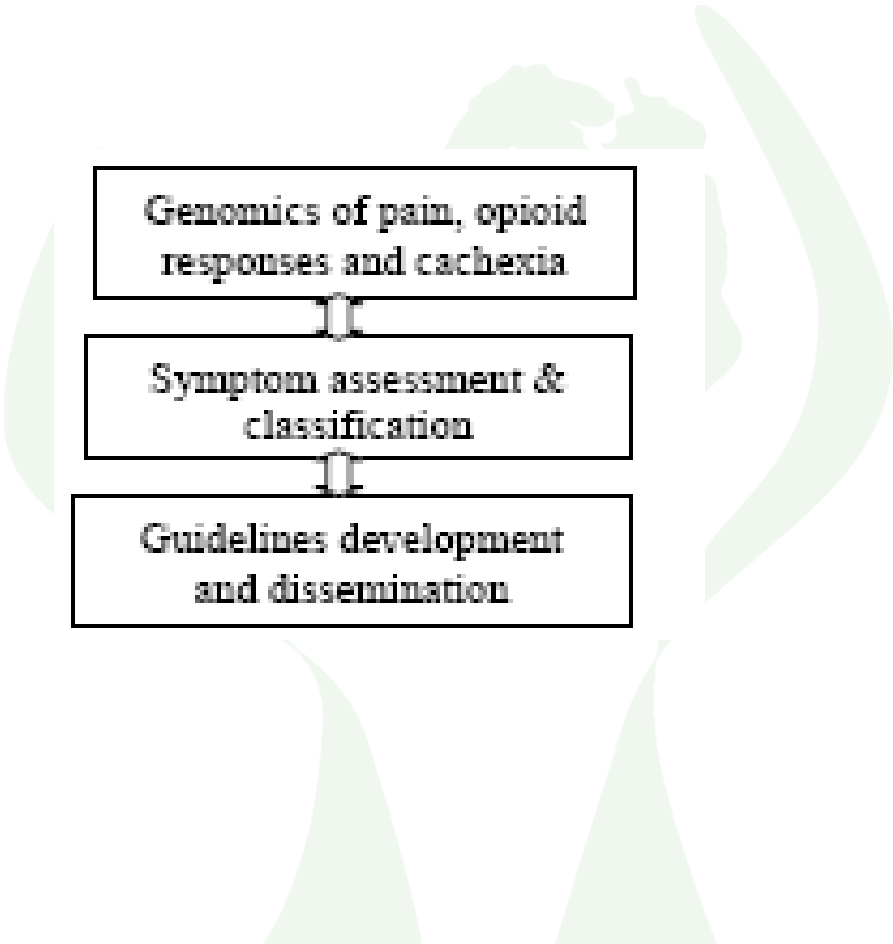
# The European Palliative Care Research Collaborative (EPCRC)

- A three year funded project (2006-2009)
- The first European funded translational research group in cancer palliative care
- Collaborators from six European countries plus US and Canada

# WP leaders- there work, coordination and collaboration the core of the EPCRC

Work package	Name of Work package	Partner organisation	WP leader
WP 1.1	Genetic markers for opioid responses	NTNU	Frank Skorpen
WP 1.2	Genetic markers for cachexia	UEDIN	Ken Fearon
WP 1.3	Biomarkers for pain perception and treatment response	MUG	Helmut Samonigg
WP 2.1	Pain	NTNU	Marianne J. Hjermsstad
WP 2.2	Depression	NTNU	Jon Håvard Loge
WP 2.3	Cachexia	KSSG	Florian Strasser
WP 3.1.	Pain	NCIM	Augusto Caraceni
WP3.2	Depression	KCL	Irene Higginson
WP3.3	Cachexia	RWTH	Lukas Radbruch
WP4.1	EPCRC on the WEB	UNIVBRIS	Geoffrey Hanks
WP4.2	International workshops/conferences	NCIM	Franco De Conno
WP4.3	Scientific reports	RWTH	Eduardo Bruera
WP4.4	Publication	NTNU	Stein Kaasa
WP5	Project Management	NTNU	Stein Kaasa

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Genomics of pain, opioid  
responses and cachexia

Symptom assessment &  
classification

Guidelines development  
and dissemination

## Main objectives

- To identify genes and genetic variation relevant for inter-individual variation in opioid responses and genetic variation that may identify patients at particular risk for developing cachexia.
- To improve classification and assessment of pain, depression and cachexia by computer assisted approaches.

# Main objectives cont.

- To combine the new knowledge of symptoms, genomics and assessment in an internet-based system for implementation of European evidence based guidelines, which will include standardized assessment and individualized treatment plans for pain, depression and cachexia.
- To establish a long lasting European Collaborative in palliative care cancer research

