



# How to improve research funding and capacity building?

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# Background

- Palliative care primarily developed outside the "mainstream" healthcare
  - Despite that several pioneers were academic anchored
- Research not systematically on the agenda until the 1990's
  - 1996 – EAPC RN
  - 1998 – Palliative Care Research Society, UK





# How are applications evaluated?

- Quality of the research project
- The research applicant if –
  - Phd or Post.doc.
- The research group
- National and international collaboration
- Previous conducted research –  
cv/publication list
- What is it appropriate to apply for?





# Research funding and capacity building

## Content

- Identify limitations
  - Capacity
  - Funding
- How to improve
  - Capacity
  - Funding





# Current barriers and opportunities

- Local level
- Regional level
- National level
- International level





# In clinical care

- Move from descriptive studies to intervention studies
- Studies need to be sufficient sampled
- Better to make master thesis as spinoff from large studies – than to use this recourses to conduct several inconclusive small studies







# Cont. How to improve palliative care research?

- Funding – a combined approach
  - Support national/international groups
  - Support specific studies
- Do not loose focus





# The need for international consensus – some examples

- Patient characteristic
  - No consensus
  - International set of descriptors for palliative care
  - Cancer pain classification
    - Six different formal systems identified
      - Only to a limited extent applied in clinical studies
      - In addition 55 studies specific approaches







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## **will like to play a role**

- Conduct/initiate international research
- Facilitate international collaboration
- Apply for international funding
- No limitations for content of research
- The overall goal is to conduct high quality research





# **EAPC RN**

## **some possible steps for the next year (s)**

- Establish a EAPC RN data centre
- Conduct intervention studies
- Further expand the network of researchers
- Attract more principle investigators (PI) to conduct research within EAPC RN
- Teach junior palliative care researchers
  - The EAPC Junior Forum





# EAPC RN

## some possible steps for the next year (s)

- Establish an international PhD for palliative care research
- Facilitate an open communication for palliative care research
- Further improve the North American/Australian collaboration
- Expand the world wide collaboration

