



International collaboration in palliative care research

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Background

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





cont. Background

- EAPC Research Forum
 - From Berlin in 2000 to Trondheim 2008
 - From <200 abstract's to >500 abstracts

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- How to improve – what do we need ?
- Much is achieved – how to proceed?





Research collaboration in the new millennium

- 2004 Canada - New emerging team grants
- 2005 SUPAC UK
- 2005 National Pall Care Research Centre USA
- 2006... EU's 6th and 7th Frame Work





How to improve palliative care research?

- What are the optimal research agenda's?
- How to perform research and simultaneously develop new platforms?
 - Interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Translational research
 - From the basic sciences to the clinic





Current barriers

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





Capacity building and collaboration

- Regional —————> National —————> International



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In clinical care some examples for possible improvements

- Apply the optimal study design according to research question
- Move from descriptive studies to intervention studies
- Move to sufficiently sized studies





EAPC RN 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





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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





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some possible steps for the next year (s)

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

