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Project Title:	PRISMA: Reflecting the Positive Diversities of European Priorities for Research and Measurement in End of Life Care, Health-F2-2008-201655
Project Acronym:	PRISMA **Logo:** YES
Funding programme: (e.g 7th framework…)	PRISMA is funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme
Funding programme web page:	http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=FP7_PROJ_EN&ACTION=D&DOC=23&CAT=PROJ&QUERY=011aa1a03296:8efc:5c9973a8&RCN=86694
Project type:	PRISMA is funded by the European Commission (EC) as a "co-ordination action". In the interests of co-ordinating high quality research that reflects best methods as well as the diversity and priorities of citizens, PRISMA will complete a number of end-of-life related studies.
Project number:	Health-F2-2008-201655
Coordinator:	Dr Richard Harding (Project Co-ordinator) Professor Irene Higginson (Scientific Director)
Partner countries:	EU member countries: Belgium, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom; Associated countries: Norway; International Cooperation Partner Countries: Uganda.
Project web-site:	www.prismafp7.eu
Keywords:	palliative care, cancer, measurement, culture, end of life care, research, clinical, priorities, preferences, service users
Summary of the project:	There is little coordination in undertaking research in end of life care. This is due to lack of agreement on what constitutes end of life cancer care, no information on public or clinical priorities for achieving a good death in a culturally diverse Europe, few appropriate measures of quality, and a lack of established best practice. The Palliative Outcome Scale (POS) is a multidimensional tool that measures the physical, psychological, spiritual and information needs of patients and families at the end of life. It has been culturally adapted in 20 EU countries and widely used by over 100 services to evaluate and improve quality of care. However, there have been no opportunities to share practice, identify shared and country-specific domains, and coordinate to improve research across Europe. PRISMA is funded by the European Commission's Seventh Framework

	Programme with the overall aim to co-ordinate high-quality international research into end-of-life cancer care. PRISMA aims to provide evidence and guidance on best practice to ensure that research can measure and improve outcomes for patients and families. PRISMA activities aim to reflect the preferences and cultural diversities of citizens, the clinical priorities of clinicians, and appropriately measure multidimensional outcomes across settings where end–of-life care is delivered. Principal Investigator: Richard Harding. Scientific Director: Irene J Higginson.
Aims (research questions) :	The overall aim of Project PRISMA (PRISMA or Project) is to inform best practice and harmonise research in end of life care for cancer patients across Europe through comparison and exchange of approaches and experiences in measurement and research priorities. PRISMA has five objectives: Objective 1 To develop collaboration on culture and end-of-life care across different countries in Europe, exploring and mapping differences in priorities and evidence. Objective 2 To study and compare the nature and conduct of research into end-of-life care in cancer across Europe, and to compare these with clinical and public priorities. Objective 3 To map and harmonise approaches and experiences in end-of-life cancer care measurement and quality indicators. Objective 4 To develop online resources to support and enhance pan-European measurement and research in end-of-life care for cancer patients. Objective 5 To foster and facilitate a long-lasting European collaborative in end of life cancer care research.
Expected Results:	There are two types of results / impacts from PRISMA's co-ordinating action focussing on end-of-life cancer care: (1) a number of actions and outputs will be completed to assist with informing best practice across Europe through comparison and exchange of approaches and experiences in measurement and research priorities, and (2) new collaboratives, high quality science and new discoveries resulting from PRISMA's recommendations will result, including (yet not limited to): (i) recommendations about definitions and methods to reflect cultural diversity and information to inform research; (ii) European agendas for research will be established based on the public and clinical priorities for end-of-life care, and these research agendas will be underpinned by evidence of best practice in measurement; (iii) recommendations on best practice for outcome measurements including measurement in nursing homes; and (iv) identification of clinical priorities in end of life cancer research.
Date of application:	2007
Date of	April 2008

approval:	
Starting date:	01 May 2008
Duration (in months):	36 months
Amount of contribution:	1,650,898.00
Methods:	Various methods and activities are being completed by PRISMA to achieve its aim, including: questionnaires, scoping exercises, community/collaborative building initiatives through establishing collaborative networks, a large-scale European survey, web-based questionnaire surveys, and developing resources that will be useful for clinicians to use. This work is taking place across 8 work packages.
Deliverables:	PRISMA will deliver 50 deliverables over a three-year period, including (and not limited to): a report of evidence on European citizen's public priorities and preferences about end of life care; symptom measurement resources; a network of experts in cultural issues in end of life care and consensus on culturally appropriate quality indicators; online resources for quality measurement; publications detailing PRISMA findings; and a collaborative pan-European research agenda.
Time lines (milestones):	Numerous deliverables will be achieved and 26 milestones will be reached over the lifespan of the PRISMA project (which is three years in length). We anticipate prompt publication of PRISMA's outcomes along with a public presentation of the findings in 2011. Examples of PRISMA milestones include determining: public priorities in end of care; evidence of culture difference in end of life care; clinical research priorities for end of life care; approaches and experiences in measurement and use of tools including POS and STAS; online resources for quality measurement; and collaborative pan-European research agenda.
Work package leaders (name and affiliation):	Work package 1 Cultural difference in end of life care Dr Marjolein Gysels Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB), Barcelona Work package two Public priorities & preferences for end of life care Barbara Gomes King's College London, UK Work package three Clinical research priorities in end of life care Professor Stein Kaasa Norges Teknish-Naturvitenskapelige Universiteit (NTNU), Norway Work package four Best practice & resources for the use of end of life care quality indicators Dr Claudia Bausewein Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Palliativmedizin (DGP), Germany

	Work package five Best practice in symptom measurement Professor Pedro Lopes Ferreira Centro de Estudos e Investigação em Saúde da Universidade de Coimbra (CEISUC), Portugal Work package six Best practice in nursing home measurement Professor Luc Deliens Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum Amsterdam (VUMCA), Netherlands Work package seven Management Dr Richard Harding King's College London, UK Work package eight Final conference Dr Noel Derycke Universiteit Antwerpen (UA), Belgium
Other partners (name and affiliation):	Dr Julia Downing The Africian Palliative Care Association (APCA)
Work package goals:	Work package one To develop collaboration on culture and end of life care across different countries in Europe. Work package two To provide input on the priorities and preferences of European Citizens for end of life cancer care and generate reflection amongst international researchers on ways of addressing those preferences and priorities in end of life care research and measurement. Work package three To study and compare how research in end-of-life care in cancer is conducted across Europe, and to identify and develop a research agenda based upon clinical priorities within end-of-life care. Work package four a) To identify and describe the ways in which measurement tools are used in end-of-life care in European countries b) To coordinate exchange of experiences in those who use identified tools in end-of-life care. c) To develop resources and support for those who use the POS and STAS in end-of-life cancer care. Work package five To identify and share benefits of the use of the Palliative Care Outcome

	Scales Sub-Scale (POS-S), and instrument designed to measure the symptoms experienced by cancer patients at the end of their life. Work package six To explore (a) what constitutes quality care in end-of-life cancer care in nursing homes, and build a collaborative on end-of-life cancer care in European nursing homes; (b) share experiences in measuring quality in end of life nursing home care using the POS and other tools, and compare the performance of the POS/STAS and other tools in this population; and (c) optimise future research on end-of-life cancer care in nursing homes. Work package seven To provide scientific leadership to all work packages, co-ordinate and manage the project, take responsibility for collation and integration of all outputs unifying researchers, ensuring financial regularity and ethics compliance, report to the European Commission, and bring together the objectives of each WP to achieve PRISMA's primary aim. Work package eight To organise and host a final conference to disseminate PRISMA's work and findings, and to disseminate widely the conclusions from the conference.
Dissemination (publications - articles):	PRISMA will publish a number of peer review articles in the field of end-of-life research: culture, public preferences and priorities, clinical research priorities and best practice in end-of-life care (including measurement in nursing homes and symptom measurement). Tools to aid clinical care (e.g., POS-S) will also result from PRISMA.
Dissemination online	PRISMA findings and resources will be shared via PRISMA's website (www.prismafp7.eu) and other relevant websites as the findings become available.
Dissemination (Conferences)	PRISMA presented its first findings at EAPC Vienna in May 2009. We will present at this and similar fora during the life of PRISMA contract and beyond. We aim to facilitate an open conference meeting to disseminate beyond PRISMA partners in 2011.