



International
Palliative Care
Family Carer
Research
Collaboration



Interested in research about
family carers of people requiring
palliative care?

Then please consider joining:

The International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration

Background

The World Health Organisation recommends that family carers of people requiring palliative care should be offered optimal support from health and social care professionals. However there is a shortage of evidence based strategies to support family carers. Also, there are only a small number of researchers who are focusing specifically on family carer research in palliative care and limited research funding opportunities.

The inaugural meeting of the International Palliative Care Family Carer Research Collaboration (IPCFRC) occurred at the European Association for Palliative Care Research Congress in Italy (2006).

Objectives

1. Promote:

- (a) International opportunities for interdisciplinary research collaboration and publications; and
- (b) Opportunities for international research visits/ exchanges amongst members.

2. Communicate:

- (a) Outcomes of recent family carer research studies (including methodological insights); and
- (b) Opportunities for research funding.

3. Develop:

- (a) Consensus based priorities for family carer research;
- (b) Strategic alliances and possible avenues for ongoing financial support;
- (c) Educational resources for family carers;
- (d) Overview of family carer related interventions;
- (e) Reference library data base of family carer publications (articles, books & resources); and
- (f) Overview of family carer related research instruments.

4. Foster partnerships with key research groups, policy makers, carer advocacy/consumer groups and service delivery planners.

5. Provide mentorship for developing family carer researchers.

6. Lobby relevant organisations for enhanced services/ supports for family carers.

Mission

To develop a strategic approach to palliative care research planning related to family carers of people requiring palliative care via establishing international partnerships and promoting information exchange.

Collaborators and governance

The IPCFRC operates under the auspices of the European Association for Palliative Care. In addition, the IPCFRC actively considers formal collaborations with other institutions (from all continents) and welcomes financial contributions in order to foster its mission.

The IPCFRC would like to formally acknowledge the following institutions that have provided funds and/or 'in kind' contributions to assist in the establishment of the collaboration:

- ~ Centre for Palliative Care Education & Research, St Vincent's and The University of Melbourne (Australia);
- ~ Centre for Palliative Care Foundation (Australia);
- ~ St Christopher's Hospice (United Kingdom); and
- ~ International Observatory on End of Life Care, Lancaster University (United Kingdom);

The activities of the IPCFRC are currently overseen by a Steering Committee comprising members from Canada, United States, United Kingdom and Australia and the intention is for a Board of Management to be established in due course.



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Membership

Individuals (from all continents) with a bona fide interest in palliative care research related to family carers and who are committed to assisting the IPCFRC meet its objectives may become individual members.



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APPLICANTS DETAILS

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

TITLE

OCCUPATION/POSITION

INSTITUTION/EMPLOYER

POSTAL ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

COUNTRY

TELEPHONE

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Health or social care discipline (eg nurse, social worker):

Area(s) of interest related to family carer research (eg intervention studies):

Specific research skills/experience (eg qualitative analysis):

IPCFRC objectives that I am most interested in contributing to
(please note the relevant objective number(s) via referring to previous page):

MEMBERSHIP PERIOD & COST

Individual member (full fee): Australian Dollars **AUD 50**

Post graduate research student (reduced fee):

Australian Dollars **AUD 25**

(Note: for current full time student on limited income).

Institutional memberships are welcome and the rate is negotiable.

Membership period is based on calendar year – 1 January to 31 December. Please note that you are required to pay the relevant rate for the year regardless of when you join. By becoming a member your name and contact details will be listed on the IPCFRC website and other relevant correspondence in order to foster partnerships and provide reports.

PAYMENT

☐ I enclose a cheque to the value of AUD _____
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St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne) Ltd

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