

EAPC newsletter

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At the EAPC, we work closely with our members and supporters - keeping you informed, involved and inspired as we strive to ensure palliative care is accessible to everyone who needs it.

Together, we are shaping the future of palliative care.



Lyon, France

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Our vision

Palliative care is available and accessible to all, wherever and whenever they need it.



Our mission

Through education, research, and advocacy we strive for improved, timely and equitable access to palliative care, ensuring it is an integral component of health and social care.

Equitable, Accessible Palliative Care for all

Important announcements!

EAPC Congress 2027 abstract submission is open



The Scientific Committee for the 21st World Congress 2027 welcomes the submission of a wide range of abstracts that will contribute to and shape the scientific programme of the Congress in Glasgow. [Find out more and how to submit your abstract.](#)

Closing date is 31st October 2026.

Coming soon!

Become a Congress Abstract Reviewer

Our call for abstract reviewers will open soon – your chance to join our reviewer community and help shape the programme.



Already a reviewer for the previous 2026 Congress?

You will have already received your invitation to review again



New to reviewing or haven't received an invitation?

If you haven't reviewed EAPC abstracts before, or have reviewed in previous years but haven't received an invitation, you'll be able to apply once the call opens

Stay tuned for more information!

Humanising the Future: New Generations,
New Technologies, Enduring Values.

21st World Congress

European Association for Palliative Care

20-22 MAY, 2027 GLASGOW, SCOTLAND



WORLD HOSPICE AND
PALLIATIVE CARE DAY

10 OCTOBER 2026

PAIN MANAGEMENT:
AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PALLIATIVE CARE

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPCD) is an annual day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world. The theme for 2026 is *Pain Management: An Essential Part of Palliative Care* to highlight the importance of the holistic treatment of pain in palliative care (physical, psychological, social and spiritual). [Find out more](#) about how to celebrate this important day and download the new [2026 WHPCD resources](#).

Catch up on our latest EAPC blogs



Trauma-informed
palliative care: what's
the evidence?



Don't retreat, engage!
Reclaiming life and
identity through
palliative rehabilitation



Empowering
paramedics: enhancing
palliative care in the
community.



Artificial intelligence
to teach emotional
intelligence?



Launching EPEC
Paediatrics Europe!



Announcing the top
10 EAPC blogs for
2025!

If you read a blog and find it thought provoking and informative, please do share it with your colleagues, on social media and with your national associations. Or do get in touch if you have an idea for a blog!

The EAPC is delighted to be a core partner in a range of large European Union funded studies, with knowledge transfer and stakeholder engagement as primary focuses. [Learn more about our collaborative projects.](#)

Take part in the PAINLESS survey



If you have had cancer related pain, or you are a healthcare professional who works directly with people who have cancer to help manage their pain, please fill out this survey aimed at exploring satisfaction with current care, unmet needs and suggestions for improvement. Find out more and fill out the surveys (in English and Spanish) [here](#).

EAPC is a proud partner of PsyPal, a research trial recruiting in Czechia, Denmark, The Netherlands and Portugal investigating whether psilocybin therapy can support the management of depressive symptoms among people with ALS, COPD, MS and Atypical Parkinsonism and Advanced Parkinson's Disease. This is the first EU funded clinical trial in psychedelics and is at the forefront of advancing evidence based research into psilocybin therapy and its potential to meet mental health needs.

Get involved with PsyPal



We're now recruiting and appreciate local support in spreading the word! Let us know if you can be our local champion for informing your clinical or patient-facing network across Europe! [Learn more](#) or [contact our research team](#) to find out how to get involved.



<https://palliativeprojects.eu/>

Member news

The EAPC is proud to be a membership organisation. EAPC members enjoy exclusive benefits, including member only networking, congress discounts, free event promotion, access to expert groups, weekly updates and a voice in shaping the future of palliative care. [Learn more about being an EAPC member.](#)

Spotlight on an EAPC member association

The **French National Platform for End-of-Life Research** is an interdisciplinary network that supports, structures, fosters and promotes French research in this field by facilitating exchanges among researchers and creating opportunities for collaboration. It develops a research observatory, animates the scientific community and promotes international networking. The Platform has brought together more than 450 researchers across all disciplines within its network.



Through its Scientific Committee, it has also helped build France's first national interdisciplinary research programme on end of life issues in 2024, which is funded with 5 million euros over 5 years. The Platform is extremely proud to have contributed to this programme which supports research projects whose findings are expected to contribute to improving palliative care.



At the stand of French National Platform for End-of-Life Research at the 20th EAPC World Congress in Prague, 2026.

The French National Platform for End-of-Life Research will be a hosting partner of the 22nd EAPC World Congress in Lyon in 2028, together with SFAP (Société Française d'Accompagnement et de Soins Palliatifs).



Do you have palliative care news? If you're an EAPC member, contact us if you have news to share with us and our member network. Contact us at communications@eapcnet.eu.

🌊 EAPC reference & task force groups 🌊

EAPC members volunteer their time and expertise to collaborate on a range of specific palliative care related issues and produce outputs such as webinars, white papers, tools for practice, research publications and guidelines that will be of value to the palliative care community. [Find out more.](#)

Share your experience for an EAPC task force international survey

The EAPC task force on ***the Role of palliative care professionals caring for patients and families seeking and accessing assisted dying*** invites palliative care professionals worldwide to take part in an anonymous survey about caring for patients and families seeking or accessing assisted dying.

The survey takes up to 20 minutes and is open to all palliative care professionals, regardless of local legislation or previous experience. Your input will help shape future education, training and guidance. **Take part in the survey now.**



EAPC's Palliative Care for Children & Young People reference group webinar



Lost in Transition: Palliative care for young adults transitioning for paediatric to adult services 9th October 2026 13:00–14:30 (CEST).

Growing up should not mean falling through the gaps in care. More young people with complex, life limiting conditions are living into adulthood. Their transition from paediatric to adult services requires preparation, coordination and services that understand their changing needs. **Join the conversation at this Lost in Transition webinar and register now.**

News from the palliative care community

Registration opens for the 11th Annual Conference of the International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person

Hosted by the Institute for Palliative Care at Lund University and Region Skåne, this two day event on 17–18 November 2026 in Lund, Sweden will bring together clinicians, researchers and healthcare leaders from around the world who share a commitment to improving care during the last days of life.



The Collaborative is an innovative global network of clinicians and researchers working together towards a shared vision: *'A world where all people experience a good death as an integral part of their individual life, supported by the very best personalised care.'*

Find out more about the conference [here](#).

ICPCN Close the Gap campaign



Access to paediatric palliative care is a fundamental human right, yet a massive global disparity remains. Globally, over 21 million infants, children, and young people could benefit from palliative care each year. However, less than 5% of these children have access to the specialised care, pain management, and holistic family support they need. The ICPCN is calling on healthcare professionals, advocates and policymakers to help #CloseTheGap.

To build a more equitable healthcare landscape, the ICPCN is calling for:

- ✓ integrated paediatric palliative care in to national health systems
- ✓ training healthcare workers worldwide in pain and symptom management
- ✓ ensuring universal access to essential medications.

[Learn more about the ICPCN's campaign.](#)



If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us at communications@eapcnet.eu. We appreciate your support and welcome your feedback!



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