

OPCARE

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*A European Collaboration to optimise
research for the care of cancer patients in
the last days of life*

Work Packages

- 1) Signs and symptoms of approaching death
- 2) End of life decisions
- 3) Comfort care
- 4) Psychological and Psychosocial support
- 5) Voluntary Service

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- *A decision (about a person in the last days of life) that has (may have) an important impact on the quality, place or moment of dying*

WP2 Survey

- Response
 - 8 countries
 - 114 representatives
 - over 800 types of decisions

WP2 (3)

Themes	Number
Withdraw/withhold treatment	182 (23%)
Place of dying	121 (15%)
Symptom management	120 (15%)
Communication and responsibility	116 (14%)
Social and Relational issues	73 (9%)
Care organization	64 (8%)
Other interventions	30 (4%)
Spiritual and Religious Issues	26 (3%)
Autonomy	25 (3%)
After death	25 (3%)
Euthanasia	12 (1%)