



EAPC RN & PRC pre-congress seminar Lleida, Spain, 2-3 June 2014:

Planning and conducting clinical and public health research in palliative care

The pre-congress seminar held by the EAPC Research Network (EAPC RN) and the European Palliative Care Research Centre (PRC) will in 2014 focus on the planning and conducting of clinical and public health research in palliative care.

Initiation of large studies requires leadership and allocation of sufficient resources, in order to create an environment for evidence-based medicine and evidence-based practice. In addition, sustainable international collaboration is important. Thus, different methodological, theoretical and practical aspects of palliative care research are dealt with at the seminar. Well reputed experts will give lectures and participants will present their own projects which will be discussed and further developed in plenary.

Facilitators:

Augusto Caraceni, Luc Deliens, Stein Kaasa, Marie Fallon, Irene Higginson, Cinzia Brunelli, Paddy Stone, Ida Korfage

Programme overview

Sunday, 1 June

1900: Arrival and dinner

Monday, 2 June

Session 1		Clinical research		
0830-0845 (15')	Welcome and the seminar rationale			<i>Stein Kaasa</i>
0845-0915 (30')	From clinical problem to research question to study design to study planning			<i>Stein Kaasa</i>
0915-0945 (30')	Factors affecting recruitment to palliative care studies			<i>Paddy Stone</i>
0945-1015 (15')	Discussion			
1015-1045 (30')	Coffee break			
1045-1115 (30')	Clinical and statistical significance			<i>Cinzia Brunelli</i>
1115-1200 (45')	RCTs and non-randomized intervention studies			<i>Marie Fallon</i>
1200-1215 (15')	Discussion			
1215-1315	Lunch			
Session 2		Presentations: Different designs and methods		
1315-1515	<p>Facilitators: Luc Deliens Ida Korfage</p> <p>Presenters: S. Lee C. Becker A. Gadoud A.G. Sutherland V. Parola J. O'Farrell H. Kerr M. Horlait S. Hoare C.E. dos Santos I. Korfage</p>	<p>Facilitators: Stein Kaasa Marie Fallon</p> <p>Presenters: R. Verhofstede L. Van den Block A. De Vleminck M.B. Sands C. Payne M. Nordly A.K. Knudsen C. Klinger N. Byfeldt S.O. Pinto</p>	<p>Facilitators: Cinzia Brunelli Paddy Stone</p> <p>Presenters: F. Formby S.M. Utrilla S. Alain G. van Thiel D. Blum M.J. Johnson F. Finlay M. De Carlo M.J. Allsop S. Antonoiu</p>	
1515-1545	Coffee break			
1545-1645	<i>Preperation for plenary</i>	<i>Preperation for plenary</i>	<i>Preperation for plenary</i>	
1930	Dinner			

Tuesday, 3 June

Session 3	Public health and qualitative research	
0830-0915 (45')	Planning, conducting and avoiding pitfalls in public health research	<i>Luc Deliens</i>
0915-1000 (45')	Qualitative research: opportunities and applications	<i>Ida Korfage</i>
1015-1030	Discussion	
1030-1100	Coffee break	
1100-1145 (45')	Methodology for the evaluation and trials of complex interventions in palliative care	<i>Irene Higginson</i>
1145-1230 (45')	From research to clinical pathways and guidelines	<i>Augusto Caraceni</i>
1230-1330	Lunch	
Session 4	Presentations: Different designs and methods	
1330-1400	Qualitative research	
1400-1430	Care pathways	
1430-1500	Assessment	
1500-1530	Summary and closing remarks	
1530	Departure	