

The mapping of palliative care in Denmark and Europe

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Mapping in Europe

Clark D & Centeno C
(2006):

Palliative Care in Europe:
an emerging approach
to comparative analysis

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1. Rankings
2. Baselines/bases of evidence
3. Comparative analyses

Mapping as policy making: Rankings and DK

Rankings:

- Atlas of Palliative Care Worldwide 2011 (IOELC)
- Hoefler & Vejlggaard 2010: Something is ironic in Denmark (Health Policy)
- The Economist Intelligence Unit 2010: (DK # 22 of 40 countries re: quality of service)
- EU report 2003: DK # 13 of 52 countries re: specialized efforts

DK is allegedly lacking:

- National strategy and disclosure
- Expansion of specialized services (accessibility)
- Expansion of general services (knowledge/training and coordination)
- Resources

Mapping as policy making: validity and reliability?

- What is being mapped?
- Using which perspectives?
- Validity?
- Reliability?



Mapping as a baseline

Purpose: to describe the conditions for and content of palliative care at an institutional level (PAVI 2009-2011)

Mapping	Methods and respondents	National conferences
Mapping I The specialized services	2009 Hospices, palliative teams, palliative hospital units (Survey: 32 units)	February 3, 2009 Palliation in Denmark - Status and visions
Mapping II The community based care	2009 – 2010 Palliative care in municipalities (Two surveys: 62 top leaders and 467 leaders)	September 28, 2010 Palliation at home - The community based care
Mapping III Hospital services	2011-2012 Hospitals (Three surveys: leaders of hospitals, wards and staff)	Fall 2012 Palliation in hospitals - The regional services

Two of the mappings of PAVI

Mapping I:
The specialized services

- The numbers of units
- The professional competencies
- Taking part in education, development and research

2009: 32 institutions/units
2011: 46 institutions/units

Mapping II:
The community based care

- Professions and competencies
- Target groups and courses
- Cooperation with the specialized units
- Guidelines and routines



Comparative research interventions and explorative studies



Qualitative methods

- Descriptions
- Observations
- Narratives
- Interviews

Theoretical frameworks

- Culture and relations
- Organizations
- Everyday life and identity



Conclusions on mapping (1) interrelations and out-comes

Types of mapping	Rankings	Baseline studies	(Qualitative) Research
Possible out-comes			
• Policy-making	X	X	(X)
• Documentation	(X)	X	(X)
• Quality assesment		(X)	(X)
• Quality development		(X)	(X)
• Understanding			X
• Learning			X
• Changing practice			(X)



Conclusions on mapping (2)

- We have to make policy
- and we do (!)
- We need valid national
baseline studies – (also
designed for international
comparison)
- We need more qualitative
comparative research (to
understand and to learn)

