

Invitation

The symposium aims to reach members of the Leopoldina as well as hospice and palliative care experts in Germany. It also aims to reach members of international workgroups on palliative care research, palliative care in resource-poor settings and palliative care in humanitarian emergencies to foster exchange and discussion.

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Palliative care is defined as the active holistic care of individuals across all ages with serious health-related suffering (SHS) due to severe illness and especially of those near the end of life. It aims to improve the quality of life of patients, their families and their caregivers.

Access to palliative care has been highlighted as a human right, and in recent years palliative care is increasingly acknowledged as a fourth pillar in health care, extending the range from prevention, cure, rehabilitation towards palliation. However, patients in low- and middle-income countries are often not able to access palliative care.

Support for the global development of palliative care, and especially for development in low- and middle-income countries from the German government or from German funding institutions has been negligible until now. Such support would be a moral imperative, considering the mandate to improve global health as one of the highest income countries with a powerful economy.

In addition to this mandate, there is also valuable knowledge and know-how to be gained from such a collaboration. Concepts developed in non-Western cultures and resource-poor settings can be highly relevant for the German health care and social setting. As an example, the concept of caring communities was developed in India, but has achieved a major impact in Germany by now as well. Palliative care has also been highlighted as an important part of both man-made and natural humanitarian emergencies management and valuable lessons can be learned from South-North collaboration on humanitarian crisis preparedness.

The symposium will set the scope and identifying challenges and innovative solutions in the development of global palliative care.

Programme

1:00 PM Greeting and Introduction

Lothar Wieler

Chair of the section of Global Health of the Leopoldina, Halle

1:05 PM Palliative Care in Low-resource Settings, and why it is important

Palliative Care in low and middle income countries: what are the challenges, what are the solutions?

Richard Harding, *King's College, London*

Palliative Care as a morale obligation for all health care professionals

Billy Rosa, *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York*

Advocating for palliative care as a component of the right to health and a key domain of UHC

Katherine Pettus, *International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Houston*

2.50 PM Palliative Care in Humanitarian Emergencies: Lessons to be Learned

Palliative Care as part of the primary care in a refugee camp: the example of Cox's Bazar

Megan Doiherty, *CHEO Research Institute, Ottawa*

Palliative Care in South Sudan: the Impact of the War

Nahla Gaffer, *World Health Organization, Kairo*

Palliative Care in Gaza

Mhoira Leng, *Makerere University, Kampala*

Palliative Care in War-time Ukraine

Kristina Keleman, *Sheptytsky Hospital, Lviv (t.b.c.)*

Palliative Care as a Core Component of Humanitarian Aid Action

Amin Lamrous, *Médecins sans Frontiers, Bruxelles*

5.15 pm The Potential for Collaboration

S HS and DOME: making Suffering comparable across the Globe

Felicia Knaul, *University of California, Los Angeles*

The potential for German – African Collaborations

Eve Namisango, *African Palliative Care Association, Kampala*

De-colonizing End-of-Life Care: Challenges and Opportunities for Collaboration

Christian Ntizimira, *African Center for Research on End-of-Life Care, Kirgali*

Implementing a Palliative Care Outpatient Programme in Tanzania

Oliver Henke, *University Hospital Bonn*

6.55 pm Closure

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