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### Welcome to Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Online

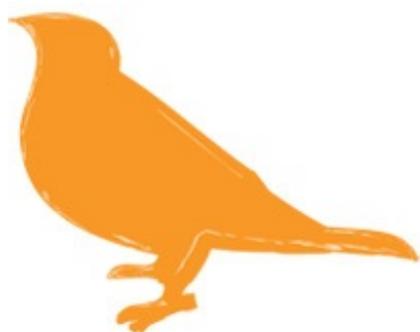
Worldwide Hospice and Palliative Care Online (WHPCO) is a free, signposting tool that aims to help bridge the information gap for people in resource-constrained settings and for anyone who wants to feel a part of the worldwide hospice and palliative care community.

WHPCO is compiled bi-monthly by the [Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance](#) (WPCA). It is circulated to more than 2,000 recipients in over 115 countries.

[Back copies of WHPCO are available on the WPCA website.](#)

Please help us to share information and experiences in palliative care by sending us news of resources that may be helpful to others. Our email address is [whpc@thewpca.org](mailto:whpc@thewpca.org)

[In this issue we bring you news of ehospice](#), a free website and app that will bring you real time international news and intelligence on hospice, palliative and end of life care. Read more about ehospice in the publications and websites section.



### News from the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance

**Now is a crucial time to ensure that palliative remains recognised as a key element of the response to non-communicable diseases**

The Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance (WPCA) has been engaging in the World Health Organization (WHO) consultation on the response to the Global Monitoring Framework on noncommunicable diseases. We, along with

14 other organisations, submitted a written consultation response and we also attended the informal dialogue with NGOs in Geneva on 30 April 2012.

We strongly advocate that it is vital that ‘access to palliative care’ is agreed as one of the core indicators. This will ensure that for the first time there will be global monitoring of palliative care by WHO and member states as well as ensuring that the focus on palliative care will remain on the NCDs agenda in the coming years. Once this is agreed, we look forward to further discussions with WHO and member states on the details of the indicator.

■ [Over 100 attend the World Health Assembly side event in Geneva, Switzerland](#)

■ [The WPCA welcomes the Diamond Jubilee Trust's investment in care with dignity](#)



## World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

**13 October 2012 World Hospice and Palliative Care Day**

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world.

**The theme for World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2012 is ‘Living to the end - palliative care for an ageing population.’**

In almost every country, the proportion of people aged over 60 years is growing faster than any other age group, as a result of both longer life expectancy and declining fertility rates.

From 2000 until 2050, the world's population aged 60 and over will more than triple from 600 million to 2 billion. Most of this increase is occurring in less developed countries - where the number of older people will rise from 400 million in 2000 to 1.7 billion by 2050.

The specific palliative care needs of older people are increasingly being recognized due to the burden of non-communicable diseases on older people as well as the ageing HIV pandemic in the era of anti-retroviral therapy.

The palliative care needs of older people are complex and often neglected. The issue is globally applicable and incorporates older people living with life-limiting diseases as well as the issue of older people as carers of people with life-limiting illness, particularly HIV and AIDS, in

developing countries.

[Get involved - register your event on the World Hospice and Palliative Care Day website.](#)

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## News from national and regional associations

### The National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) announces a new national campaign

The 'Reaffirming Hospice Campaign' will reinforce the vital importance and quality of hospice to policy makers, healthcare professionals, and baby boomers.

This one-year campaign will begin in May 2012 with a qualitative research phase and focus groups. The campaign will then move on to quantitative research, campaign development.

[For more information visit the NHPCO website.](#)



■ [6 to 12 May 2012 - National Hospice Palliative Care Week Canada](#)

■ [14 to 20 May 2012 Hospice Awareness Week New Zealand](#)

■ [20 to 26 May 2012 - National Palliative Care Week Australia](#)



## Funding

### IAHPC travelling scholarships to attend the 19th International Congress on Palliative Care in Montreal, Canada

The International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) have announced ten scholarships to help support the travel of palliative care workers in the developing world to the 19th International Congress on Palliative Care.

The Conference will take place in Montreal, Canada from 9 to 12 October 2012.

Applicants must be living in a developing country, be active members of IAHPC, and actively working in palliative care. Applications from physicians, nurses, psychologists, social workers and other disciplines are welcome. If you wish to apply and are not an IAHPC member, [you may join by](#)

[clicking here](#). Applications are available through the IAHPC website.

**The deadline for applications is 15 July 2012.**

[More information about the Congress can be found on the Congress website.](#)

■ [Catherine Pouget Award 2012](#)

■ [Winston Churchill Memorial Trust - applications open for travelling fellowships in 2013](#)

■ [Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund makes grants to Zambia, Malawi, Kenya and South Africa](#)

■ [Global Fund forecasts an additional \\$1.6 billion to fund projects in 2012-2014](#)



## Opportunities

### [African Palliative Care Association \(APCA\) seeks Director of Learning and Research](#)

The Director of Learning and Research will play an essential role in ensuring that palliative care development in Africa is underpinned by strong evidence, which is coordinated and made available to inform programme and service development.

**The closing date for the receipt of applications is 12 June 2012.**

APCA is also interested in hearing from researchers in western universities who are looking for a placement of a year or so in Africa.

[Click here for more information.](#)

■ [Palliative Care Registrar / Clinical Lecturer volunteer position, Kampala, Uganda](#)

■ [Opportunities at Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice, Kuwait](#)



## Hospice and palliative care in practice

### [EAPC white paper on palliative care in dementia](#)



The European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) has produced a draft set of recommendations on palliative care in dementia.

The recommendations have been circulated to more than 80 experts in palliative and dementia care from around 25 countries across Europe and elsewhere to evaluate.

Following this evaluation, the EAPC hopes to publish the recommendations in a white paper between 2012 and 2013.

A core team of experts led by researchers from the VU University Medical Center, Amsterdam and the University of Bonn developed the set 57 recommendations, which represent best practice and are evidence-based where possible.

[For more information visit the EAPC website.](#)

■ [NHPCO to host online conference on hospice volunteering](#)

■ [Nurses and pharmacists to prescribe controlled pain relief drugs in Great Britain](#)

■ [International Journal of Palliative Nursing Awards 2012](#)

■ [£60 million boost for hospices in England](#)

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## Children's hospice and palliative care

### Charter launched for the care of life-limited and life-threatened children and their families

Together for Short Lives, the UK children's palliative care charity, has launched a charter representing the needs of families of children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

The charter focuses on the types of information and support Together for Short Lives believes families should expect to receive. It emphasises the importance of choice for families, and encourages a joined up approach from all services and professionals involved in the care of children and families.

[Click here for more information and a link to read and download the Charter.](#)



■ [Grand opening of Maulba House in Zambia](#)

■ [Updated children and young people's](#)

■ [Kenya's first paediatric palliative care unit opens](#)

■ [CureSearch for Children's Cancer](#)



## Policy

### Hospice New Zealand standards for palliative care.

The national standards and the accompanying quality review programme will provide a comprehensive continuous improvement framework for hospices, but will be applicable to all health services working with people who need a palliative approach and end of life care.

There has been a conscious effort to capture the spirit of palliative care in the document with inclusion of the many faces of New Zealand, and whakatoki (Maori sayings), gifted to Hospice New Zealand by Maori elders associated with hospices across the country.

[For more information visit the Hospice New Zealand website.](#)

- [National palliative care plans/strategies for more than 30 countries are available on the WPCA website](#)
- [Access to medicines in low and middle-income countries - call for expressions of interest](#)
- [World Medical Association calls for more investment in end of life care](#)
- [Access to Opioid Medications: National Conference in Turkey, 2 May 2012](#)
- [Strategic action plan for improving access to opioid medication in Cyprus - ATOME conference 30 May 2012](#)
- [Creation of a French-speaking Palliative Care Federation](#)



## News from academic and research centres

### 7th Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care

The 7th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) aims to reflect where palliative care research stands today, and to be an arena for leading clinicians and researchers within the field. New knowledge gathered here can lead to improved

palliative care all over the world.

The Congress takes place from 7 to 9 June 2012 in Trondheim, Norway.

[For more information visit the Congress website.](#)

- [ATOME research session at the EAPC World Research Congress in Trondheim](#)
- [Official launch of new Centre for the Promotion of Excellence in Palliative Care](#)
- [18 to 19 October 2012 - 2nd International Seminar of the European Palliative Care Research and the European Association for Palliative Care \(EAPC\)](#)

## Publications

### WHO World Health Statistics 2012 report

The WHO World Health Statistics 2012 report, released on 16 May 2012, highlights the growing problem of noncommunicable diseases.

One in three adults worldwide has raised blood pressure – a condition that causes around half of all deaths from stroke and heart disease. One in 10 adults has diabetes.

The report is published annually by WHO and contains data from 194 countries on a range of mortality, disease and health system indicators including life expectancy, illnesses and deaths from a range of diseases, health services and treatments, financial investment in health, as well as risk factors and behaviours that affect health.

[Click here for more information and to download the report.](#)

For data on noncommunicable diseases see Part II Highlighted topics.



- [Guide on estimating requirements for substances under international control](#)
- [Clinical practice guidelines for the psychosocial and bereavement support of family caregivers of palliative care patients](#)
- [Documentary film shows the desperate need for palliative care in Uganda](#)
- [When I die: lessons from the death zone - short film](#)
- [LIFE Before Death final short film released](#)
- [LIFE Before Death DVD - Buy one, give](#)



## Websites

### [ehospice - free news app to launch later this year](#)

A free website and app that will bring you real time international news and intelligence on hospice, palliative and end of life care will launch in October.

Delivered by regional and national hospice and palliative care organisations worldwide, [ehospice will revolutionise the way you access hospice, palliative and end of life care news.](#)

To find out more about this exciting new venture and sign up for updates ahead of the launch, visit the ehospice website.

■ [Growing the global community in palliative care - #hpmglobal tweetchat](#)

■ [IAHPC announces new Friends of IAHPC website](#)



## Journal articles

### [Declaration on palliative care and MDR/XDR-TB](#)

In the editorial of the June 2012 issue of The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease authors Stephen Connor, Kathy Harding, Richard Thomas and Ernesto Jaramillo endorse the declaration on palliative care and MDR/XDR-TB made in November 2010, and call upon the TB and palliative care communities to work together to improve adherence to MDR/XDR-TB treatment and cure rates and to help relieve the suffering of all those affected by the disease.

[Click here for a link to the article.](#)

The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, 1 June 2012, vol 16, no 6, pp 712-713(2).

■ [Strengthening the contribution of palliative care to advanced dementia care](#)

■ [The path to developing unified palliative care services in India](#)

■ [Palliative Medicine - call for papers](#)

■ [End of Life Journal - spring issue](#)



## Conferences and courses

For information on forthcoming conferences and courses on hospice and palliative care around the world click on the links below. If you would like to include your event, please email details to [whpco@thewpca.org](mailto:whpco@thewpca.org)

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