



# Palliative Care Research Society

## Newsletter

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### PCRS Annual Scientific Meeting

Have you booked your place for our annual scientific meeting in September? The focus of the meeting is 'End-of-Life Research', and our keynote speaker is Professor Irene Higginson discussing 'Spotlight on end of life care - research priorities for the future'. The meeting is being held at St Anne's College, Oxford on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Further information about registration for the conference is on our website at [www.pcrs.org.uk](http://www.pcrs.org.uk).

### NCRI Primary Palliative Care Research Sub Group

This group comprises of members of both the NCRI Primary Care Clinical Studies Group and the NCRI Palliative Care Clinical Studies Group. It is co-chaired by Stephen Barclay (Cambridge) and Scott Murray (Edinburgh) and its purpose is to encourage researchers to develop and submit community based studies relating to Primary Care or Palliative Care to donors such as the CRUK for funding. Should you be considering developing a project proposal in this area or in health services research more generally feel free to contact us to learn about how this group may help. Our last group gave formative feedback on diverse projects such as concerning family carers, dignity therapy, and the potential of routine data. Our next meeting is on 18th October 2007, and you can submit ideas or proposals up to two weeks before the meeting for confidential sharing with the committee, and then attend for informal feedback.

# The 7th Palliative Care Congress

The Glasgow Royal Concert Hall  
Glasgow, Scotland

Tues 29th April - Thurs 1st May 2008



## KEYNOTE

- An international perspective on palliative care research - Sanchia Aranda

## SESSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- symptom management from lab to bedside
- psychological distress
- palliative care for children and young people
- debate - 'choice is a myth that we collude in'
- palliative care for non cancer patients
- research abstracts

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Call: Friday 25th May 2007

Close: Friday 12th October 2007

*Registration will be available from August.*

For further information visit our website:  
[www.pccongress.org.uk](http://www.pccongress.org.uk)



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## Help the Hospices conference Harrogate, UK 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2007

Registration is now open for The Help the Hospices 2007 conference. It is aimed at those working in or with hospices. There is a packed programme including sessions on service development, education and training, advance care planning, fundraising, the mental capacity act, and the new end of life care strategy. Further information is on-line, including registration information at [www.helpthehospices.org.uk/education/](http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/education/)

## BLS Conference 2007 : 'New Partnerships, New Perspectives'. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

Thistle Hotel, Bristol, UK.

The focus will be on partnership with health care professionals working in the community setting. **Attending whole conference £275, one day attendance (Mon or Tues) £120, Sunday attendance £66.** Depending on days attended fees include refreshments and six month membership of the BLS for non-members.

## RCN palliative care nursing forum: annual conference and exhibition. Palliative Care: Back to Basics. September 7<sup>th</sup> 2007. RCN, Cavendish Square, London.

The programme will address topical issues in palliative care and their impact on the nursing workforce such as end of life – particularly euthanasia, the Mental Capacity Act and difficult symptom control. Underpinning all aspects of palliative care is good communication, and this will be discussed with an emphasis on the needs of patients and carers and the impact of poor communication on pain management. <http://www.rcn.org.uk/events/pdf/Palliative%20care.pdf>

## Forthcoming seminars and study days



### Social and Psychological Aspects of Dying in Old Age ESRC Seminar Series: February 2007-May 2008

The aim of the series is to develop new thinking about the processes of dying in old age drawing on a range of social science disciplines including geography, psychology, sociology and gerontology and older people themselves. Two seminars remain:

Seminar Programme	Location	Date
Seminar 3 <i>Priorities for Older People Facing Death in Old Age</i>	Southampton	1 November 2007
Seminar 4 <i>Planning for Death in Old Age</i>	Edinburgh	May 2008

For further information about the seminars or to book a place, please contact Katherine Froggatt on [k.froggatt@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:k.froggatt@lancaster.ac.uk) or telephone 01524 593309.

### APM study days

In October 2007, two study days are planned:

**"Appraising Literature in Palliative Care"** on Thursday 18th October 2007 and **"Getting Started in Palliative Care Research"** on Friday 19th October 2007. These are designed as a high quality introduction to research for specialist registrars, but will also be very suitable for other palliative care professionals. All are welcome to attend, and there will be a combination of presentations and workshops to get you thinking about the practicalities and realities of research. The days will be held in Newport, Wales, and can be attended either singly or together - further details and booking contacts will be available shortly on the Association for Palliative Medicine website at <http://www.palliative-medicine.org/> and also on the PCRS website.

### National Council for Palliative Care

**Change for the better: Using the mental capacity act to improve end of life care in care homes.** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Venue TBC, London. This event will **Highlight** specific Mental Capacity Act (MCA) issues for care homes, **Identify** practical ways in which the MCA can be used to deliver better care for residents, **and Set** the MCA in the context of the Government's new End of Life Care Strategy. **Fees:** £110 for NCPC Subscribers and £220 for non subscribers. (10% discount for 2 or more bookings). Further information from <http://www.ncpc.org.uk/events/changeforthebetter.html>

### Research in Primary Palliative Care Masterclass

March 6th 2008, Edinburgh

Organised by NCRI Primary Palliative Care group, NCRI SuPaC collaboratives and PCRS, this is a 1 day event covering methodological aspects of this important new field and examples of studies from leading researchers. Further information will be available from [www.pcrs.org](http://www.pcrs.org) in the autumn, but put the date in your diaries now.

## Membership fees

Can we please remind you that the membership fee for the PCRS has gone up from £20 to £30? This still represents excellent value for money, particularly as you can re-coup some or all of this fee in reduced admission rates to PCRS or EAPC conferences. Standing orders to the society can be easily amended on-line or by telephone with your bank or building society. Unfortunately we are not allowed to do this for you. Alternatively, you can send the monies to our treasurer, Dr Gunn Grande, The School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work, The University of Manchester, Coupland 3, Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9PL or contact her at [gunn.grande@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:gunn.grande@manchester.ac.uk)

## PCRS website

Have you checked out the PCRS website recently. This is where you'll find information about the PCRS such as our constitution and strategy, details of abstract submission, archived newsletters and useful links. Make sure you've bookmarked it at [www.pcrs.org.uk](http://www.pcrs.org.uk)!

## Joining the PCRS

The society is easy to join, with full details and an on-line form on the website at [www.pcrs.org.uk](http://www.pcrs.org.uk). Membership costs just £30 per year and benefits include:

- Reduced registration fees for some of the conferences organised, or jointly organised by the PCRS (note: individuals who are considering attending at least one such conference during the year will often find it economically advantageous to join the PCRS simply in order to benefit from the reduced conference fee). Note: this does not apply to every conference.
- Access to a list of members' contact details and research interests to facilitate multi-professional and multi-centre research initiatives.
- PCRS newsletters.
- Reduced subscription fees to the journal 'Mortality'.

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