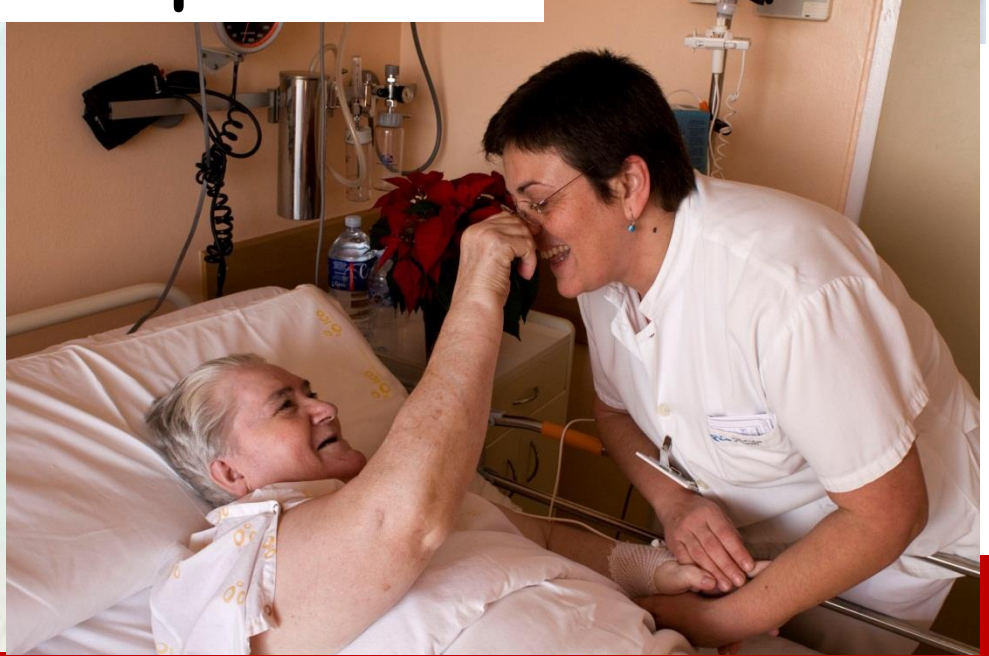


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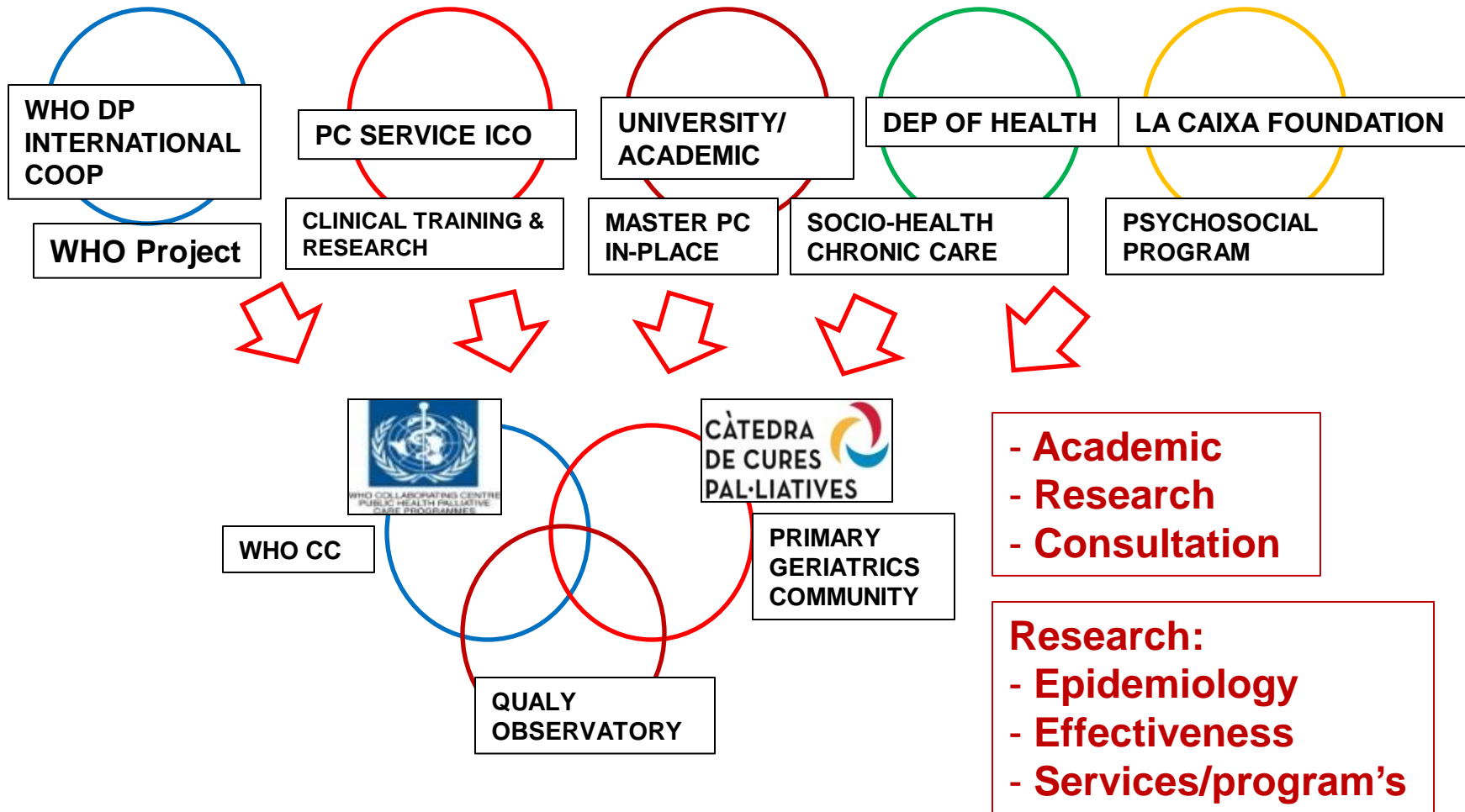
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- **Developing palliative care programs in Spain: Extremadura and Catalonia**
- **Catalonia WHO Demonstration Project for Palliative Care implementation results at 20/25 years**
- **Qualitative evaluation: strengths, weaknesses, areas of improvement, and challenges**
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- **Extending palliative approach for all patients in all settings: the MACA/NECPAL Program at the DoH**
- **Improving psychosocial and spiritual care: The spanish La Caixa Foundation Program**
- **The next steps: community palliative care, society involvement, compassionate communities**
- **The Palliative Care Resolution and Initiative at the WHO HQ**
- **Interaction chronic/palliative care**
- **The areas of cooperation**

**Proposed outline**

# Challenges/Requisites of Public Health Palliative Care

## Challenges

- How to extend palliative care
  - All patients: Targets?
  - All chronic conditions
  - All dimensions: multidimensional
  - Timely: 1st transition
  - All health and social settings
  - All countries
- Rol of specialized services?
- Society involvement
- Sustainability

## Requisites: leadership!!!!

### Policies

- Population approach
- District approach
- Community approach

### Model of Care:

- Person-centred
- Comprehensive
- Essential needs

### Model organization:

- All settings
- Integrated
- Demographic scenarios

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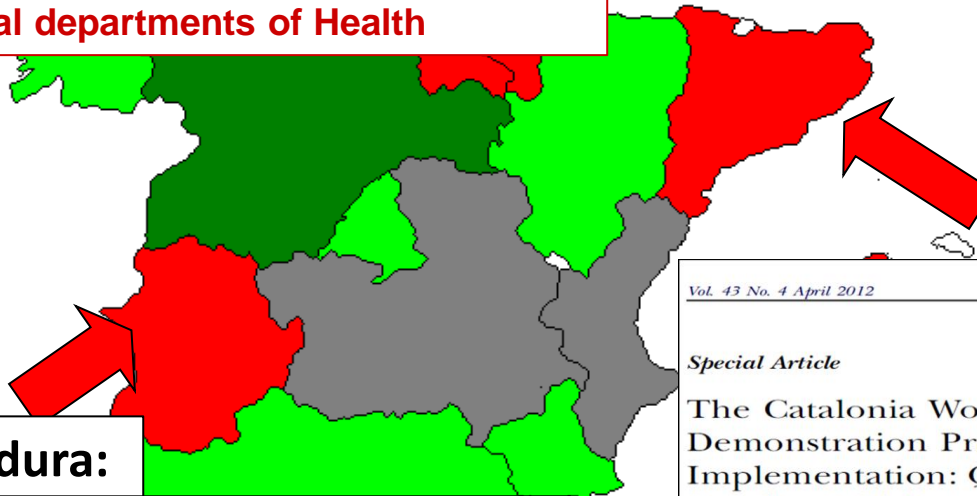
*Special Article***The Public Health Strategy for Palliative Care**

Jan Stjernswärd, MD, PhD, FRCP (Edin), Kathleen M. Foley, MD, and Frank D. Ferris, MD



## Spain:

- Universal Health Care Coverage
- Free Access
- Public Health Primary Care System
- National EoL Strategy
- 17 Regional departments of Health



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## Regional Palliative Care Program in Extremadura: An Effective Public Health Care Model in a Sparsely Populated Region

Emilio Herrera, MD, Javier Rocafort, MD, Liliana De Lima, MHA, Eduardo Bruera, MD, Francisco García-Peña, MD, and Guillermo Fernández-Vara, MD

Catalonia: 7.3 million

- Urban/metropolitan/rural
- Sociohealth system
- Public funding
- Mixed provision

Extremadura:

- 1 million
- Public Provision
- Rural
- Sparsely populated



## Existing Palliative Care has shown effectiveness and efficiency

- Improves symptoms
- Reduces suffering
- Reduces complex bereavement
- Increases satisfaction
- Reduces suffering

- Added values:
  - Comprehensive
  - Patients and families
  - Essential needs
  - Interdisciplinary
  - Dignity
  - Ethics
  - Humanism

- Reduce use of hospital beds
- Reduce admissions and length of stay in hospital
- Reduce emergencies
- Cost of Palliative care beds 50% of conventional
- Increases home care
- **Cost of health care 70% in the last 6 months**
- **Cost of hospitals is 70% of the cost of End of life care**

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# Catalonia 2014

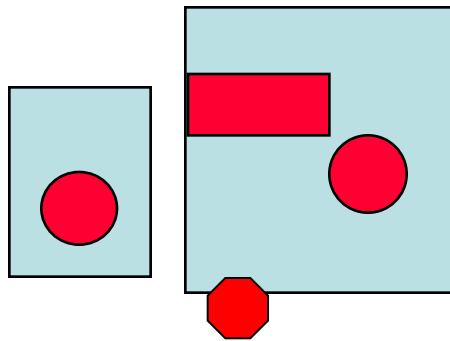
- **Coverage (geographic): 95%**
- **Coverage cancer: 73%**
- **Coverage non cancer: 40-56% (\*)**
- **Proportion cancer/noncancer : 50%**
- **Nº Dispositives: 236**
- **Beds/milion: 101.6**
- **Full time doctors: 220 (30 / milion)**

(\*) McNamara, 2006

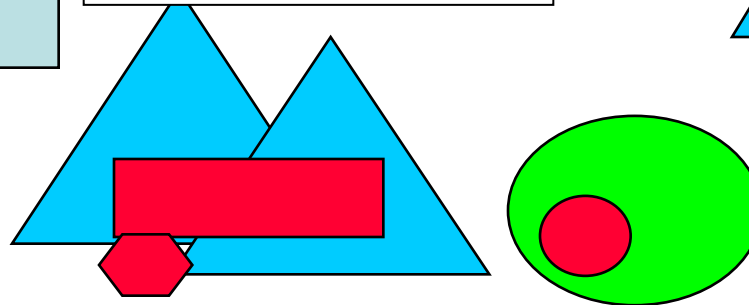
	<i>Type of service</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2015</i>
<i>Specialized care services</i>	Home Care Support Teams (HCSTs)(*) (**)	72	73
	Hospital Support or Consultation Teams (HST)	49	49
	Specific Support Teams to Nursing homes (STNH)	-	20
	Psychosocial Support Teams (PSSTs)	6	9
	Palliative Care Units (PCU)in Intermediate Care Centers (***)	28 PCU 383 Beds	28 PCU 383 Beds
	Palliative Care Units in Nursing Homes	27 319 beds	27 358 beds
	Palliative Care Units in acute hospital	5 PCU 40 Beds	5 PCU 40 Beds
	PC Outpatient Clinics	50	50
	Private services	2	3
	<i>Other specific structures (academic or managerial)</i>	Teams at the Dept. of Health	1
Education and training units		1 (ICO)(****)	1 (ICO)
Clinical research team		1 (ICO)	1 (ICO)
Chairs of Palliative Care		0	2 (University of Vic and International University of Catalonia)
Observatory/WHOCC		1 (ICO)	1 (ICO)
<i>Total</i>	Specialized services (care + other)	239 + 4 = 243	264 + 6 = 270 (+ 27)

# Specific Resources / Settings

## Acute Hospitals

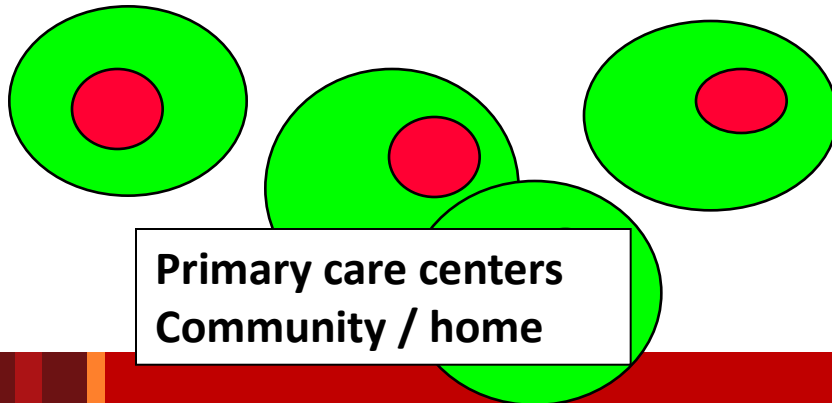
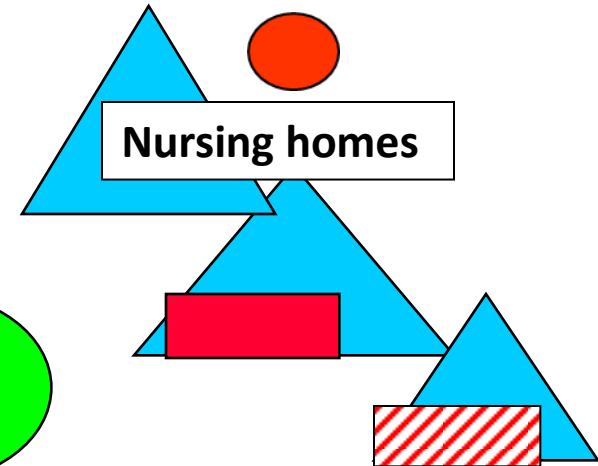


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(Sociohealth Centers)

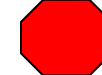
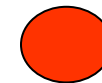


Support teams to  
Nursing Homes: 20

Nursing homes



Primary care centers  
Community / home



Units: 60

Support teams: Home 73

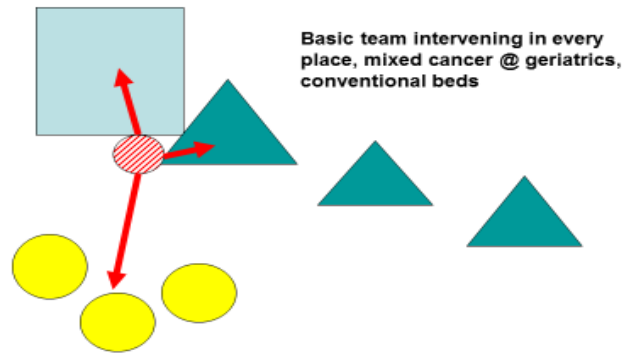
Hospital: 49

Out's / Day care

Psychosocial support

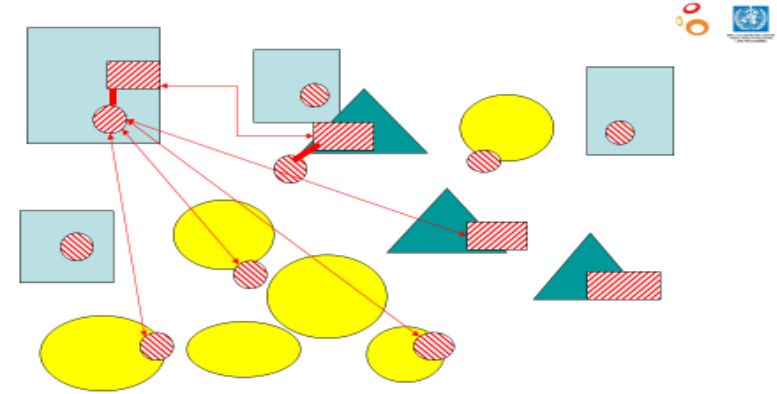
teams: 9

### Comprehensive system in small districts (20-50.000 hab)

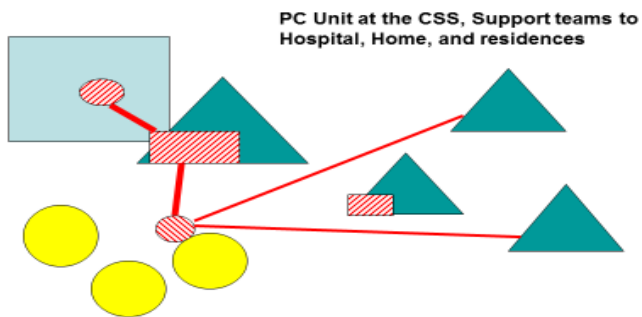


### Complex metropolitan systems: all levels

(300-500.000 hab): levels, coordination, teaching and reference units



### Comprehensive district system (16 sectors of 100-150.000 hab): integrated



## District organizational models

# Sectorised Palliative Care Planning

**Context / Needs:**  
Demography  
Resources  
Type patients  
cancer, geriatrics,  
aids, other  
Complexity  
Mortality /  
Prevalence  
Qualitative  
assessment (SWOT)

Direct coverage for complex

Joint policies & shared  
care

Coverage for all

Specialist Services

- Estratification, identification and registry of target pats.
- Criteria intervention
- Continuing / emergency care / Coordination
- Information system
- Training / incentives

+ Evaluation & Quality improvement  
+ Leadership

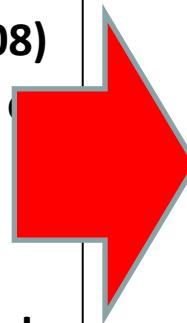
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- **Quantitative / 5 years (Gómez-Batiste X et al, JPSM)**
- **External evaluation of indicators (Suñol et al, 2008)**
- **SWOT nominal group of health-care professionals (Gomez-Batiste X et al, 2007)**
- **Focal group of relatives (Brugulat et al, 2008)**
- **Benchmark process (2008) (Gomez-Batiste et al, 2010)**
- **Efficiency (Serra-Prat et al 2002 & Gomez-Batiste et al 2006)**
- **Cost / savings (Paz-Ruiz, Gomez-Batiste et al 2009)**
- **Effectiveness (Gomez-Batiste et al, J Pain Symptom Manage 2010)**
- **Satisfaction of patients and their relatives (Survey CatSalut, 2008)**



## Weak Points

- **Low coverage noncancer, inequity variability, sectors and services (specific and conventional)**
- **Difficulties in access and continuing care (7/24)**
- **Late intervention**
- **Evaluation**
- **Psychosocial, spiritual, bereavement**
- **Volunteers**
- **Professionals: low income, support, and academic recognition**
- **Financing model and complexity**
- **Research and evidence**





## New perspectives, new challenges:

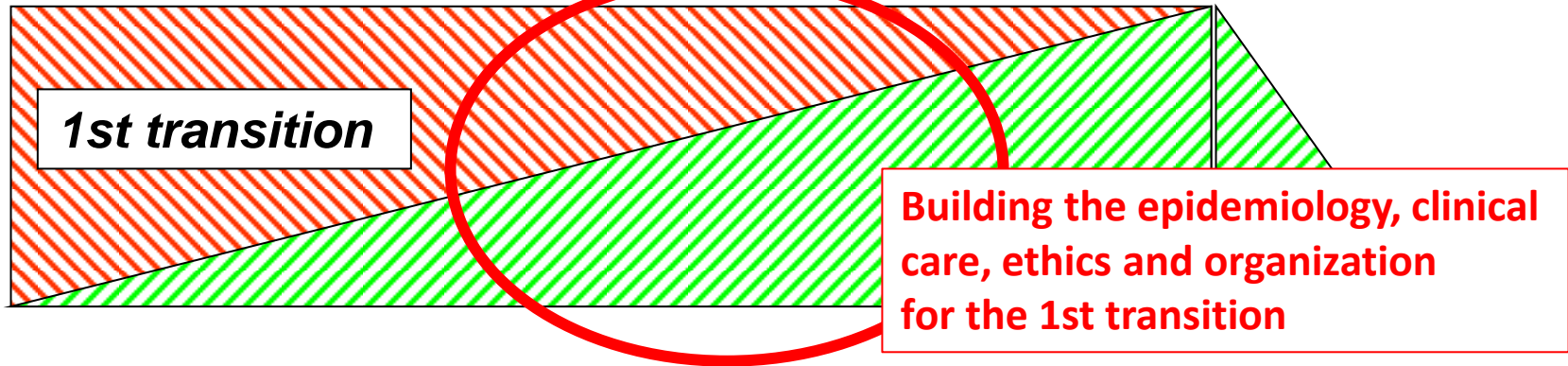
- **Palliative approach / chronicity**
- **Care of essential needs**
- **Psychosocial spiritual care**

Dimension	Action
<p><b>Policy / Public Health:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interaction chronic/palliative care</li> <li>- Alignment with the WHO Resolution of Palliative Care, people-centered and integrated care initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development and validation of the <i>NECPAL-CCOMS tool</i> to identify individuals in need of palliative care</li> <li>- Development and validation of the <i>ENP tool</i> for psychosocial and spiritual needs<sup>1</sup></li> <li>- Determination of prevalence of individuals with palliative care needs and limited life prognosis in the population</li> <li>- MACA/NECPAL Program for early identification, registry and palliative approach/care of individuals with palliative care needs in the community (primary care and nursing homes) from the Department of Health</li> <li>- Integrated care in districts</li> <li>- Codification and registry (Complex/Advanced Chronic) of the joint information system</li> </ul>
<p><b>New specific services /organizational changes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Psychosocial Support Teams</li> <li>- PC Support Teams in Nursing Homes</li> <li>- Primary Care Support for Nursing Homes (Geriatr-ICS Program)</li> <li>- Case management nurses in primary care services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Model of care</b></p>	<p>Essential needs of patients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spiritual care development</li> <li>- Comprehensive / integrated model of care and intervention in individuals with advanced chronic conditions</li> </ul>
<p><b>Training</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair of Palliative Care at the University of Vic</li> <li>- Chair of Palliative Care at the International University of Catalonia</li> <li>- Advance care planning (SCP)</li> <li>- Psychosocial /spiritual postgraduate course</li> <li>- Palliative care in the chronic care model</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 palliative care related PhD projects</li> <li>- Research group at the Catalan Institute of Oncology</li> </ul>

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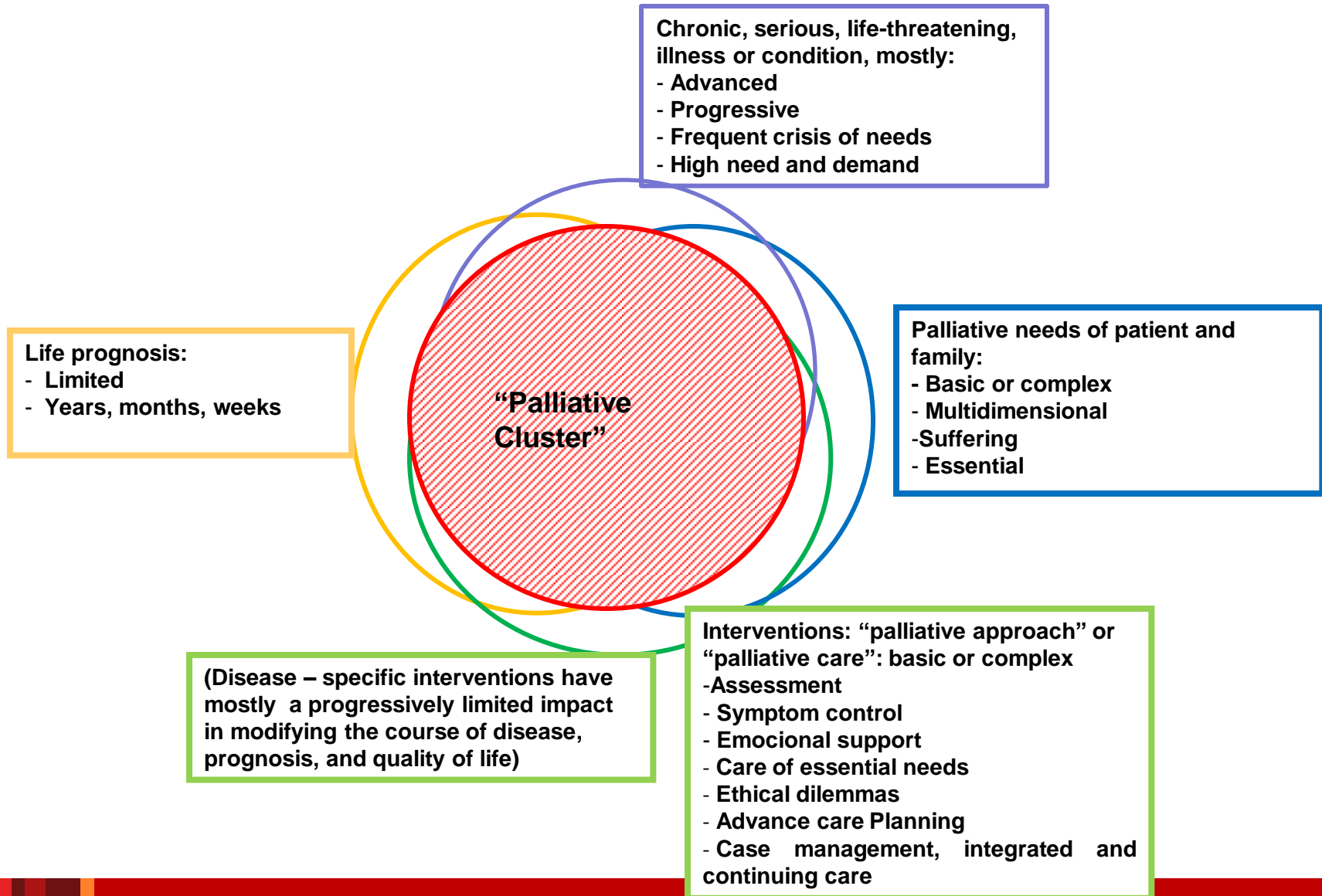
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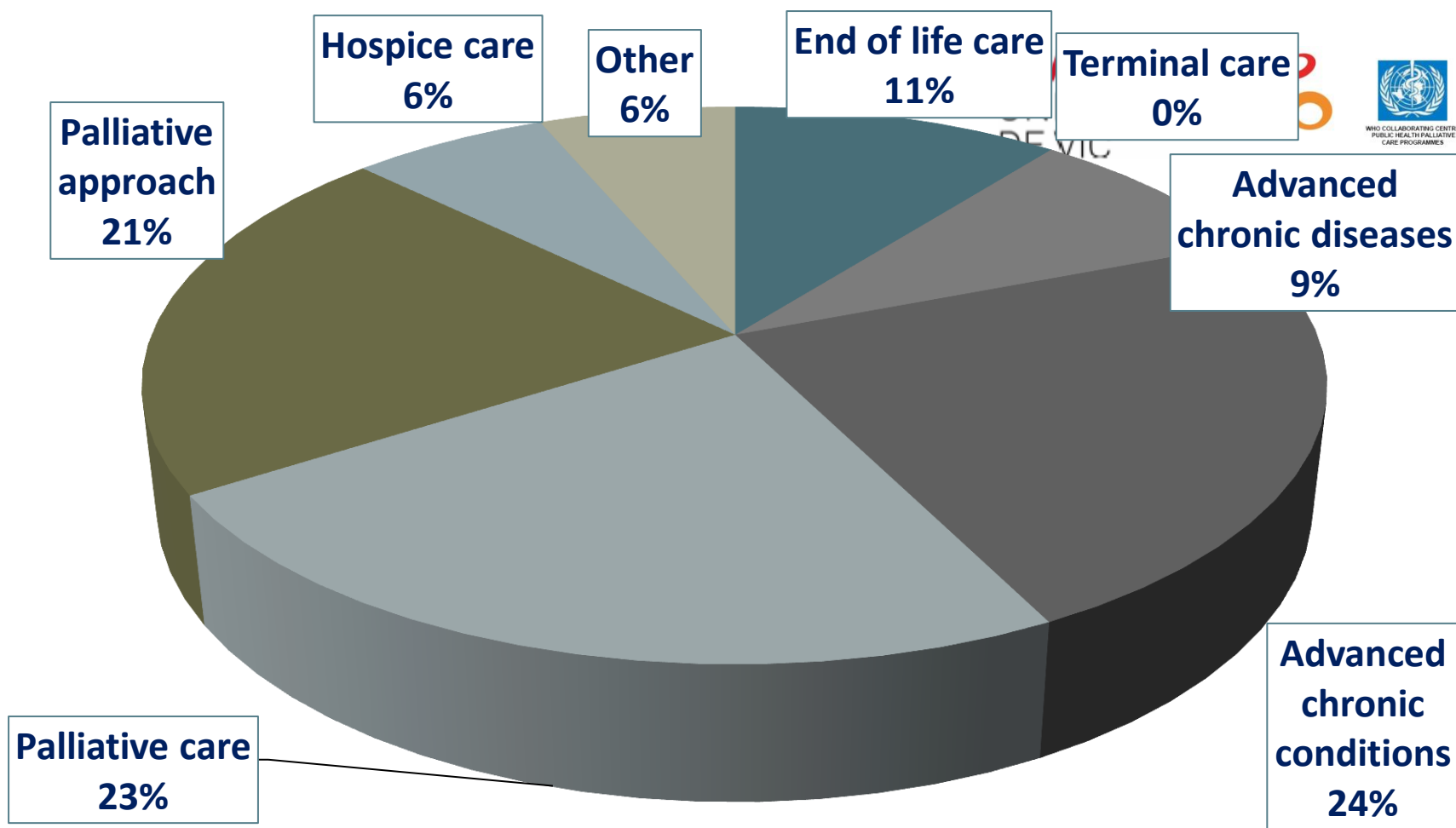
# ***Palliative approach and care in the evolution of patients with advanced chronic conditions***



- Prevalence 1.0-1.5%
- Identified by tool
- Living in the community or nursing homes
- Frailty, multimorbidity, organ failures, dementia, cancer
- Prognostic: limited life prognosis (median survival around 2 years)
- Progressive impairment and loss
- Complex clinical decision-making combining curative/palliative
- More focus on
  - Advance care planning
  - Essential needs (spirituality, dignity, relations, hope, autonomy)
  - Psychosocial aspects (emotional, loss, family)
  - Bereavement
- Organizational: all services involved

# Components to define target patients





## **Terms considered most appropriate to describe the initiative**

*“Comprehensive, person-centred and integrated palliative approach and care for persons with complex advanced chronic conditions in all settings”*



*Original Article*

## A Method for Defining and Estimating the Palliative Care Population

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## How many people need palliative care? A study developing and comparing methods for population-based estimates

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# **Identification and palliative care approach of patients with advanced chronic diseases and limited life prognosis in health care services: the NECPAL/MACA Project in Catalonia**

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## ABSTRACT

Palliative care (PC) has focused on patients with cancer within specialist services. However, around 75% of the population in middle- and high-income countries die of one or more chronic advanced diseases. Early identification of such patients in need of PC becomes a priority. In this feature article we describe the initial development of the NECPAL (Necessidades Palliatives) Programme. The focus is on the development of the NECPAL tool to identify patients in need of PC; preliminary results of the NECPAL prevalence study, which assesses the prevalence of advanced chronically ill patients within the population and all socio-healthcare settings of Osona; and initial implementation of the NECPAL Programme in the region. As part of the measures of the Programme, we present the development of the NECPAL tool. The main differences from British reference tools on which NECPAL is based are highlighted. The preliminary results of the prevalence study show that 1.45% of the population and 7.71% of the population over 65 are 'surprise question' positive.

The prevalence rates of 'surprise question' positive, together with advance care planning and case management as core methodologies. From the epidemiological perspective, estimation has differed from the prevalence rates of 'surprise question' positive, and surprise question positive with at least one additional positive parameter. More than 50% suffer from geriatric plural-pathology conditions or dementia. The pilot phase of the Programme consists of developing social policies to improve PC in three districts of Catalonia. The first steps to design and implement a Programme to improve PC for patients with chronic conditions with a health and population-based approach are to identify these patients and to assess their prevalence in the healthcare system.

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PATIENT: ..... HC: .....

DATE: ..... / ..... / ..... SERVICE: .....

RESPONSIBLE(S): .....

<b>Surprise Question (to/among professionals)</b>	Would you be surprised if this patient dies within the next year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (-) (+)
<b>"Demand" or "Need"</b>	- Demand: Have the patient, the family or the team requested in implicit or explicit manner, palliative care or limitation of therapeutic effort?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	- Need: identified by healthcare professionals from the team		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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	- Functional Decline	• Karnofsky or Barthel score > 30% • ADLs >2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	- Cognitive Decline	• Loss ≥ 5 minimental or ≥ 3 Pfeiffer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Psychosocial aspects</b>	Distress and/or Severe adaptive disorder	• Detection of severe emotional distress > 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Use of resources</b>	Evaluate Demand/intensity of interventions	• > 2 urgent or not planned admittances in last 6 months • Increase Demand/intensity of interventions (homecare, nurse interventions, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Specific indicators</b>	Cancer, COPD, CHD, Liver, Renal, CVA, Dementia, Neurodegenerative diseases, AIDS, other advanced	• To be developed as annexes • Criteria of severity and progression	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

<b>Classification:</b>			<b>Codification and Registry</b>
<b>Surprise Question (PS)</b>	SQ + (I would not be surprised)	√	Propose codification as Patient with Advanced Chronic Conditions (PCC)
	SQ - (I would be surprised)		
<b>NECPAL Parameters</b>	NECPAL + (de 1+ a 13+)		
	NECPAL - (No parameters)	√	



## The NECPAL-ICO-CCOMS © Tool

Original Article

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## Prevalence and characteristics of patients with advanced chronic conditions in need of palliative care in the general population: A cross-sectional study

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### Abstract

**Background:** Of deaths in high-income countries, 75% are caused by progressive advanced chronic conditions. Palliative care needs to be extended from terminal cancer to these patients. However, direct measurement of the prevalence of people in need of palliative care in the population has not been attempted.

**Aim:** Determine, by direct measurement, the prevalence of people in need of palliative care among advanced chronically ill patients in a whole geographic population.

**Design:** Cross-sectional, population-based study. Main outcome measure: prevalence of advanced chronically ill patients in need of palliative care according to the NECPAL CCOMS-ICO<sup>®</sup> tool. NECPAL+ patients were considered as in need of palliative care.

**Setting/participants:** County of Osona, Catalonia, Spain (156,807 inhabitants, 21.4% > 65 years). Three randomly selected primary care centres (51,595 inhabitants, 32.9% of County's population) and one district general hospital, one social-health centre and four nursing homes serving the patients. Subjects were all patients attending participating settings between November 2010 and October 2011.

**Results:** A total of 785 patients (1.5% of study population) were NECPAL+: mean age = 81.4 years; 61.4% female. Main disease/condition: 31.3% advanced frailty, 23.4% dementia, 12.9% cancer (ratio of cancer/non-cancer = 1/7), 66.8% living at home and 19.7% in nursing home; only 15.5% previously identified as requiring palliative care; general clinical indicators of severity and progression present in 94% of cases.

**Conclusions:** Direct measurement of prevalence of palliative care needs on a population basis is feasible. Early identification and prevalence determination of these patients is likely to be the cornerstone of palliative care public health policies.

Populational Prevalence approach

- **Population: 1-1.5%**
- **General Practitioner: 20-25**
- **District General Hospital : 38%**
- **University Hospital: 39%**
- **Internal Medicine: 47%**
- **ICU HUB: 30%**
- **Nursing homes: 40-70%**

**Prevalence x settings**

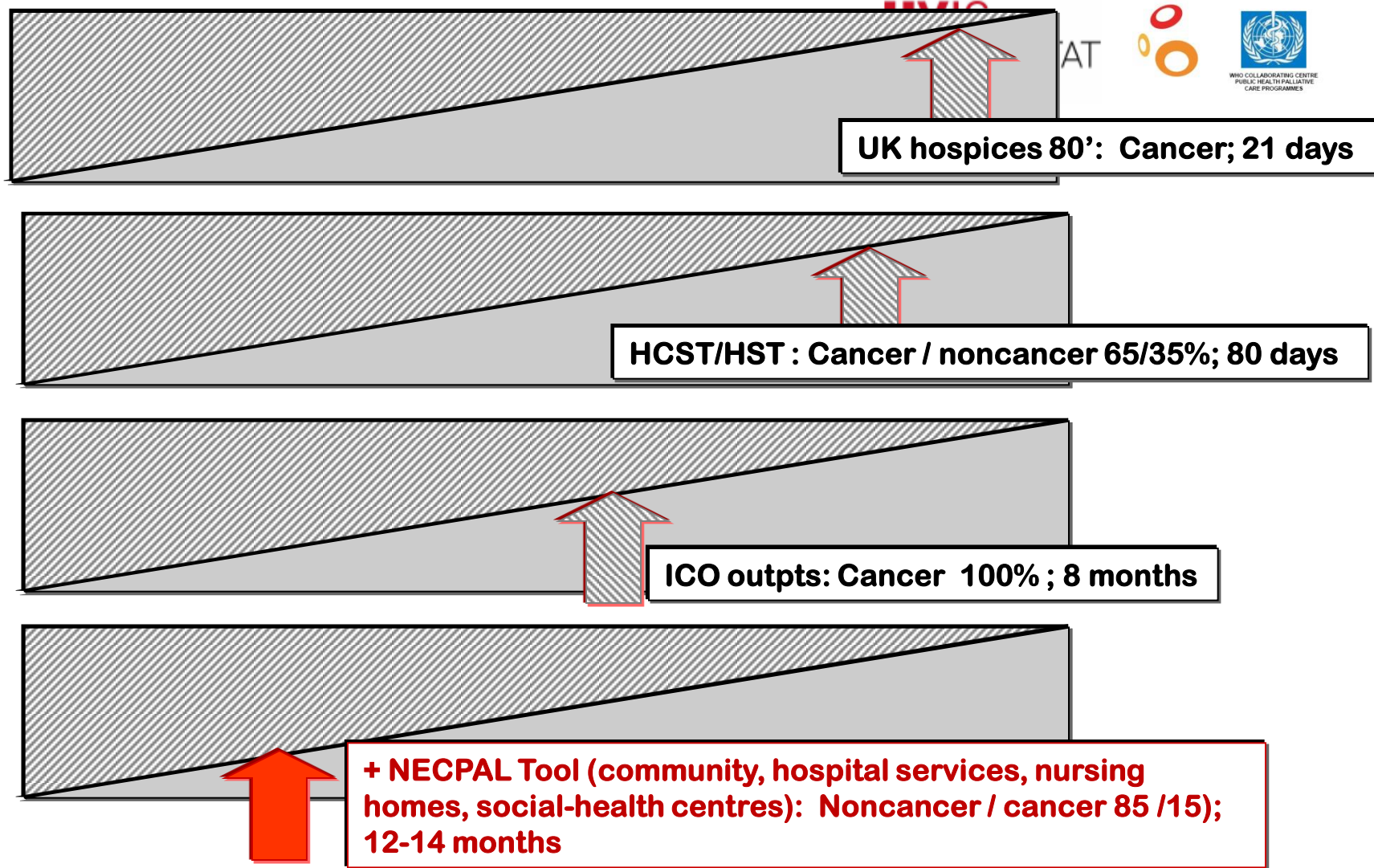
	Cancer	Organ failure	Dementia	Advanced frailty	P- value
Age Mean (SD)	73.3 (13.9)	76.0 (14.0)	85.5 (6.5)	87.0 (6.8)	<0.001
Male N (%)	58 (57.43)	138 (54.12)	37 (19.89)	84 (29.47)	< 0.001
Female N (%)	43 (42.57)	117 (45.88)	149 (80.11)	201 (70.53)	

**TABLE 3. Characteristics of SQ+ patients by disease / condition**

**Male 75y  
cancer & organ failures**

**Females > 85y  
Severe frailty,  
multimorbidity &  
dementia**

**Who need palliative care in the general population?  
Total prevalence: 1-1.5%**



**Earlier detection, proportion cancer / noncancer; time of intervention/survival and place & type of service of Patients with Palliative Care Needs**

**HCST: Home Care Support Team; HST: Hospital Support Team; ICO Outpts: Palliative Care Outpatient Clinic at the Catalan Institute of Oncology; + NECPAL Tool: patients identified by the NECPAL tool**

## **The Palliative & Chronic care Program at the Catalan Department of Health**

### **In Primary care services:**

- **Identificacion and registry**
- **Improved model of care**
- **Integrated care**
- **Shared information system**

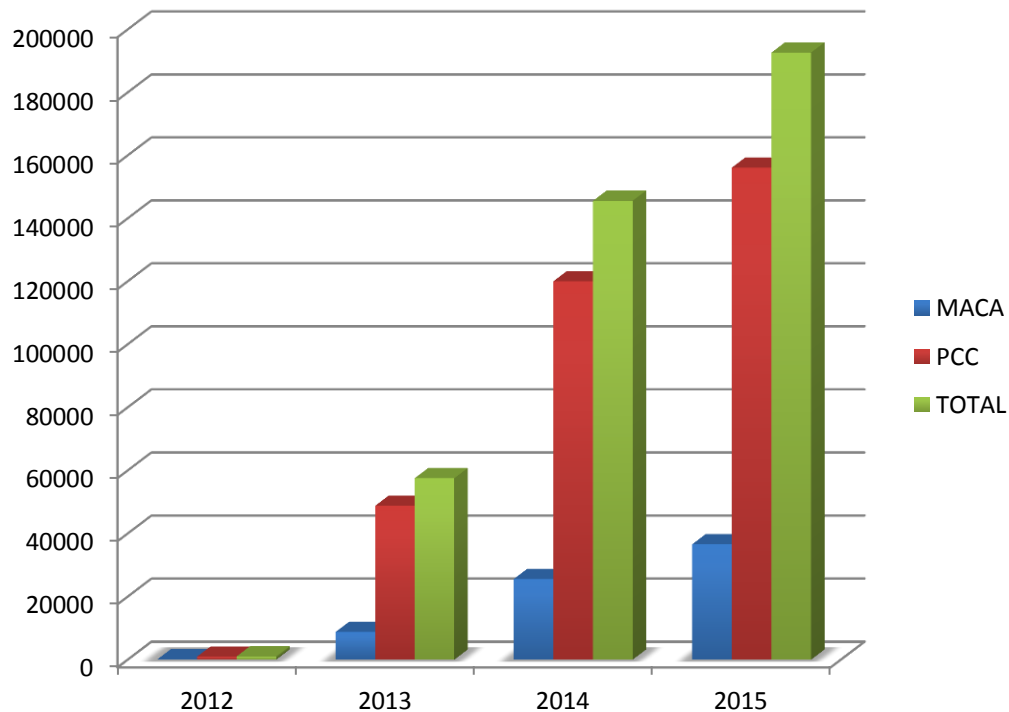
### **Added:**

- **Training**
- **ACP model and training**

# Evolution of complex & advanced patients identification from 2012 to 2015'set

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**MACA: 36.553**

**PCC: 156.083**

**TOTAL: 192.636**

SOURCE: HC3, 2015

- **2% of the total Catalonian population**
- **40% of the target of complexity identified in 3 years**
- **MACA: Patients with advanced chronic conditions**
- **PCC: Patients with complex chronic conditions**





## **Patient's procedures**

- 1. Identify, codify, register**
- 2. Assess needs of patient and careers**
- 3. Identify values, goals and preferences (ACP)**
- 4. Review diseases and conditions**
- 5. Review pharmacologic treatment**
- 6. Build up a Therapeutic plan**
- 7. Design a responsible, continuing and emergency care (Case Management)**
- 8. Coordinate with other services: roles**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Method</b>
<b>1. Multidimensional assessment: symptoms, emotional, essential-spiritual, adjustment, resources, context</b>	Use validated tools
<b>2. Explore worries, fears, values and preferences of patients and families</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Start Advance care planning</li> <li>- Shared decision making</li> <li>- Start discussion about the future</li> </ul>
<b>3. Review state of diseases and conditions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stage, Prognosis, Possible complications</li> <li>- Therapeutic Aims</li> <li>- Recommendations to prevent / respond to crisis</li> </ul>
<b>4. Review treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update aims</li> <li>- Adequacy</li> <li>- De-prescribing if needed</li> <li>- Conciliation between all services</li> </ul>
<b>5. Identify, assess, and care primary care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment</li> <li>- Education and support</li> <li>- Empowerment</li> </ul>
<b>6. Involve the team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment</li> <li>- Plan</li> <li>- Definition of roles</li> </ul>
<b>7. Define, agree and start a Comprehensive Multidimensional Therapeutic Plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respecting the preferences of patients</li> <li>- Addressing all the needs identified</li> <li>- Use the square of care model</li> <li>- Involving all team(s)</li> </ul>
<b>8. Organize care with all services involved, with special emphasis in the role of specialized Palliative Care Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Case management</li> <li>- Shared care and decision making</li> <li>- Therapeutic pathways across settings</li> <li>- Look care and setting transitions</li> <li>- Therapeutic Conciliation between services</li> </ul>
<b>9. Register and share key information with all involved services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In clinical charts</li> <li>- In shared information</li> <li>- In anticipatory care planning booklet</li> <li>- In reports of multi-disciplinary team meetings</li> </ul>
<b>10. Evaluate / monitor outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using validated tools</li> <li>- Frequent review and update</li> <li>- After death clinical audit</li> </ul>

## **Improving palliative care in Health and Social services**

- 1. Identify and register patients in need of palliative care approach**
- 2. Training, policies and protocols of professionals in most prevalent situations**
- 3. Multidisciplinary team approach**
- 4. Identify primary care and family needs and choices**
- 5. Improve accessibility, home care, intensity of care, etc**
- 6. Case management, preventive approach, continuing care, coordination and integrated policies, district approach**

- Establish and document a formal policy for palliative approach
- Determine the prevalence and identify patients in need
- Establish protocols, registers, and tools to assess patients' needs and respond to most common situations
- Train professionals and insert palliative care training and review in the conventional training process (sessions, etc)
- Identify the primary carers of patients and give support and care, including bereavement
- Increase team approach
- In services with high prevalences: devote specific times and professionals with Advanced training to attend palliative care patients (Basic Palliative Care)
- Increase the offer and intensity of care for identified persons focused in quality of life
- Integrated care: Establish links, joint information system, criteria intervention and access to Palliative Care Specialized services and all services in the area
- Address the ethical challenges of early identification

## **10 actions to improve palliative approach in services**

# District Palliative Care Planning

## Specialist Services

Direct coverage for complex

**Joint policies & shared & integrated care**



- **Estratification, identification and registry**
- **Criteria intervention**
- **Continuing / emergency care / Coordination**
- **Information system**
- **Training / incentives**

Good care for noncomplex

- + **Evaluation & Quality improvement**
- + **Leadership**

**+ General Measures**  
in conventional services

- Establish a formal national or regional policy with participation of patients and all stakeholders (professionals, managers, policymakers, funders)
- Determine (or estimate) the populational and setting-specific mortality and prevalence and needs assessment
- Elaborate, agree and validate an adapted tool for the identification
- Establish protocols to identify these patients in services
- Establish protocols to assure good comprehensive person-centered care for the identified patients
- Identify the specific training needs, train professionals and insert palliative care training in all settings
- Promote organisational changes in primary care, Palliative Care Specialised, Conventional services and integrated care across all settings in districts
- Identify and address the specific ethical challenges
- Insert palliative approach in all policies for chronic conditions (cancer, geriatrics, dementia, other,...)
- Establish and monitorise indicators and standards of care and implementation plans and generate research evidence

**10 actions for establishing a national/regional policy for comprehensive and integrated palliative approach** X Gómez-Batiste, S Murray, S Connor, 2016

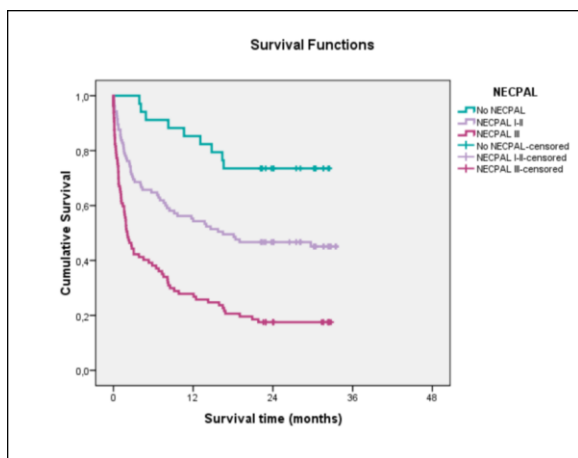
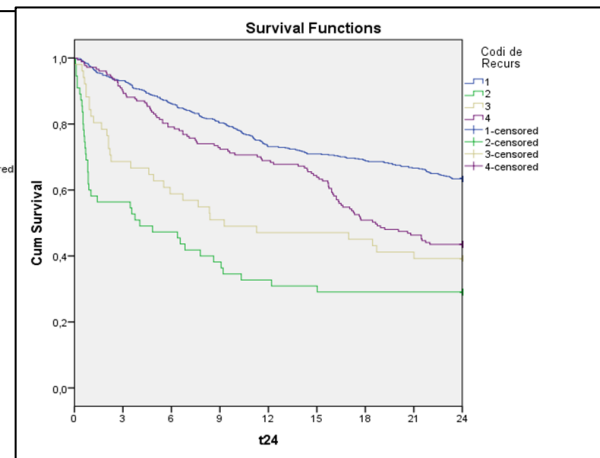
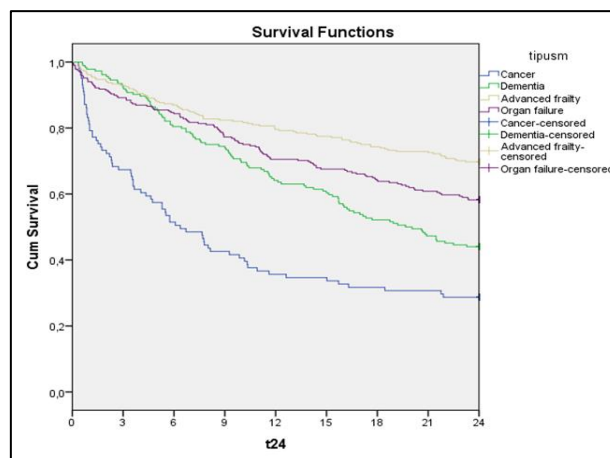
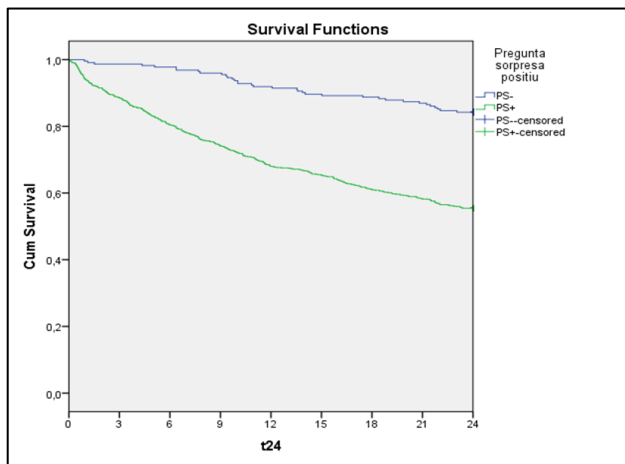
## Ethical approach: Benefits & risks

- **Starting Systematic process:**  
Needs assessment, Advance Care Planning, Review of Condition and treatment, Family involvement, Case management, Continuing care, etc
- **Patient's involvement/ACP**
- **Starting palliative perspective**
- **Adequation vs limitation of resources**
- **Increasing home care**

- **Estigma**
- **Abandonment**
- **Dichotomic perspective**
- **Reducing curative opportunities**
- **Impact on patients and families**
- **Misuse to reduce cost**

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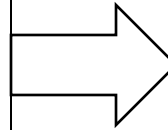
# Prognostic approach



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- **Mostly cancer 70 /30%**
- **Mostly in palliative care services**
- **Late**
- **Median length survival 2-3 months**
- **Late Identification in Pal Care services**
- **Reactive / after crisis / Post acute**
- **Emergencies**
- **Fragmented care**



- **Mostly non-cancer 85 / 15%**
- **Mostly in community services**
- **Early**
- **Median length survival 24 months**
- **Preventive / Planned**
- **Timely identification in the Community**
- **Advance care planning**
- **Case management**
- **Integrated care**

**Current model: “Late, Reactive and Fragmented”**

**Proposed model “Early, Preventive and Integrated”**

**FIGURE 4: Models of palliative interventions in chronic advanced palliative care**

## **Adapting palliative care services**

- **From passive, late, one-directional dychotomic intervention based in prognosis**
- **to timely, flexible, cooperative, shared, based in complexity**
- **From cancer to all**
- **Training:**
  - **Clinical**
  - **Ethical**
  - **Organizational / managerial**
- **From service to population**
- **From own to all services' approach**
- **Resistances and barriers**

**Change of perspective!!!!**

## **Adapting palliative care national / regional programs**

- **New epidemiology: from mortality to prevalence**
- **New perspective: from services to population**
- **New organization:**
  - **integrated care, networks, sectors**
  - **All services**

**Change of perspective!!!!**

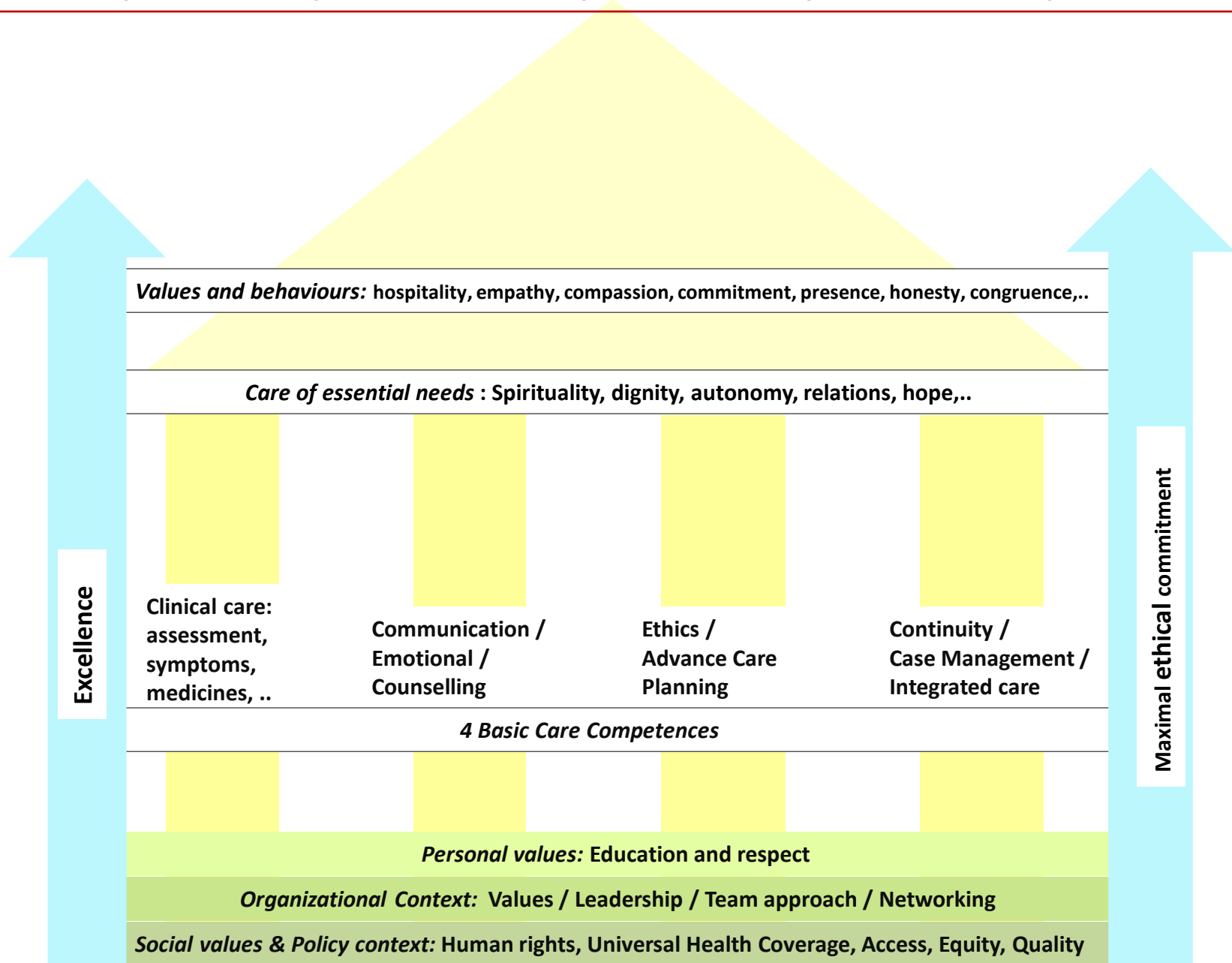
**New opportunity to reform**

**From WHO Resolution to Revolution**

## New perspectives, new challenges:

- **Care of essential needs**

# Model of personal & profesional competencies for palliative care provision



1.	Create a context of application of basic personal behavior and basic care competence: privacy, safety, comfort, symptom control, communication, active listening, counseling, ethical decision-making, advance-care planning, case management and continuity
2.	Start gradually, gently and slowly to explore dimensions, with open questions
3.	Establish a common language, understanding, goal-orientation, confidence relationship
4.	Explore the information, experience, meaning & adjustment to disease
5.	Explore & promote life review, identify goals, meaning, values, beliefs, legacy, previous crises and experiences
6.	Explore & promote the quality of family and social relationships
7.	Explore & promote reflection on unfinished business, relations, forgiveness, guilt
8.	Explore & promote religious expressions and practice
9.	Review and readjust goals, language, and expectations to prevent misunderstandings & to promote hope
10.	Prevent crises and explore scenarios of decision-making choices
11.	Offer and guarantee support and accessibility

## Steps for excellent care

## New perspectives, new challenges:

- **Psychosocial spiritual care**

***Program for the comprehensive psychosocial and spiritual care of patients with advanced conditions and their families***

**La Caixa Foundation & WHOCC Barcelona**



**Obra Social**  
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# What we do



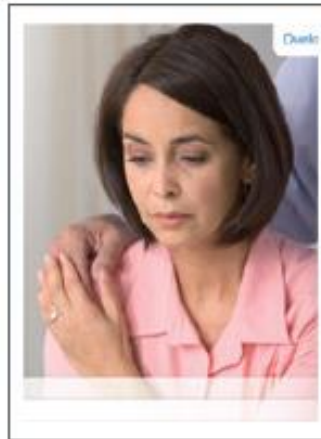
## Emotional and social care

Providing psychological and social care measures to help patient and family to face the illness



## Spirituality

Includes spiritual aspects that enable patient and family to serenely face the final process in complete respect for individual beliefs and convictions



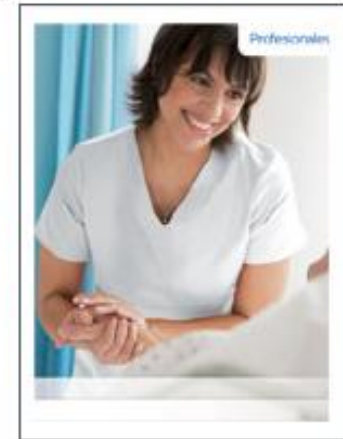
## Grieving

Care for all those involved in the loss of a loved one that require or request support



## Volunteers

By providing personal support, volunteers provide a response to the social needs of patients and their families



## Professional Support

Specific support for healthcare workers in subjects such as communication in difficult situations and stress management

# How we do it, and with whom

## Structure

**42 Psychosocial Care Teams (EAPS)** distributed around the **17 autonomous communities.**

**200 multidisciplinary professionals** (psychologists, social workers and nurses)

**511 volunteers**

## Sphere of action

**126 hospitals**

**109 home care teams/ hospitals**

## Map showing third sector partner organisations



**Concept of Psychosocial support teams giving support to existing services**

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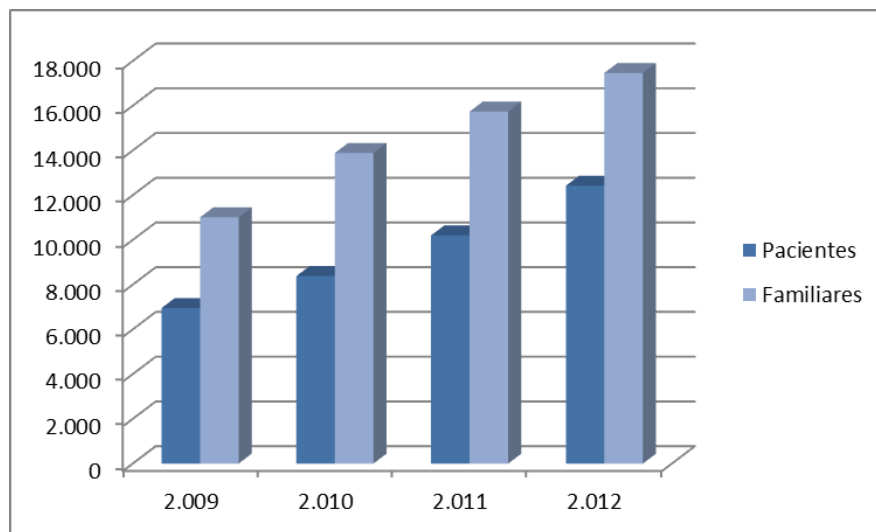
ORIGINAL ARTICLES

The “*La Caixa*” Foundation and WHO Collaborating Center Spanish National Program for enhancing psychosocial and spiritual palliative care for patients with advanced diseases, and their families: Preliminary findings

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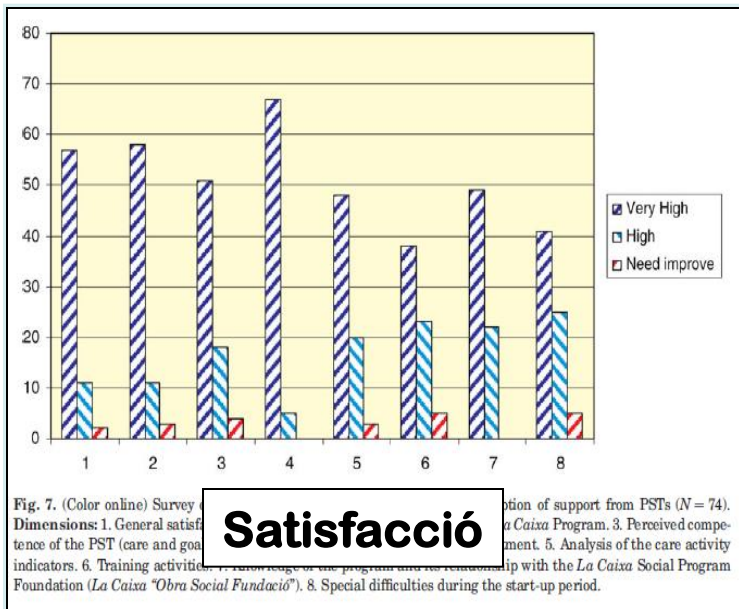
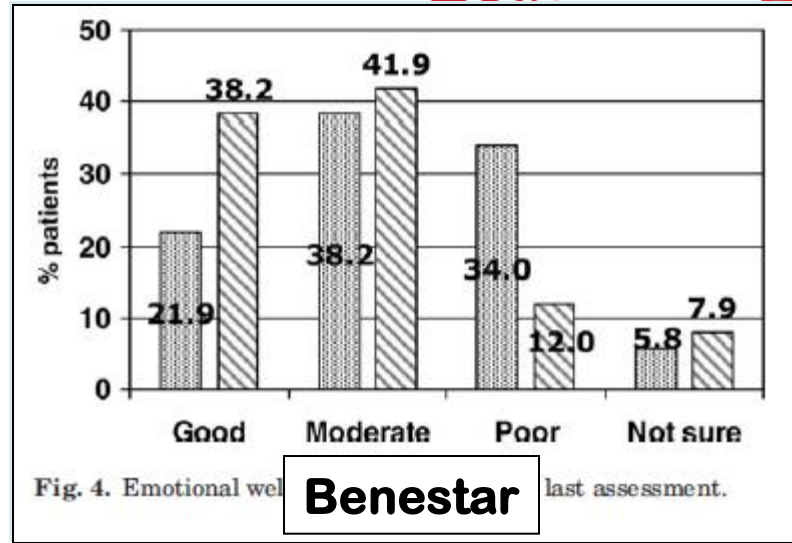
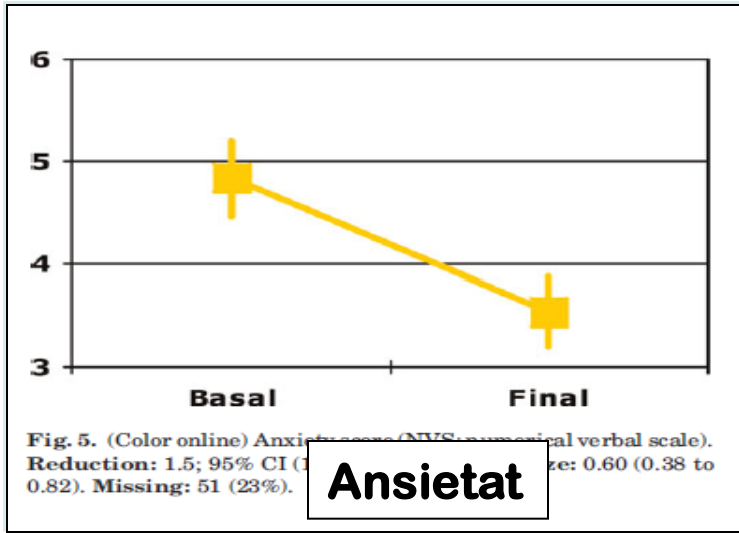
Care delivery details: more than **40,000 patients** and more than **65,000 relatives**

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	TOTAL
Patients	6.957	8.385	10.203	12.422	<b>6.070</b>	44.037
Family Members	11.011	13.885	15.738	17.468	<b>7.784</b>	65.886



**>200.000 persons cared**

**8.5 milion Euros / year**



**Other Results:**

- Effectiveness
- Satisfaction: Families, Stakeholders
- Quality / organizational audit

# Interaction Chronic & Palliative Care



# Identifying needs and improving palliative care of chronically ill patients: a community-oriented, population-based, public-health approach

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## **Purpose of review**

We describe conceptual innovations in palliative care epidemiology and the methods to identify patients in need of palliative care, in all settings.

In middle–high-income countries, more than 75% of the population will die from chronic progressive diseases. Around 1.2–1.4% of such populations suffer from chronic advanced conditions, with limited life expectancy. Clinical status deteriorates progressively with frequent crises of needs, high social impact, and high use of costly healthcare resources.

## **Recent findings**

The innovative concept of patients with advanced chronic diseases and limited life prognosis has been addressed recently, and several methods to identify them have been developed.

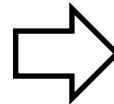
## **Summary**

The challenges are to promote early and shared interventions, extended to all patients in need, in all settings of the social care and healthcare systems; to design and develop Palliative Care Programmes with a Public Health perspective. The first action is to identify, using the appropriate tools early in the clinical evolution of the disease, all patients in need of palliative care in all settings of care, especially in primary care services, nursing homes, and healthcare services responsible for care provision for these patients; to promote appropriate care in patients with advanced diseases with prognosis of poor survival.

## **Keywords**

advanced chronic patients, chronic care, planning, policy, stratification

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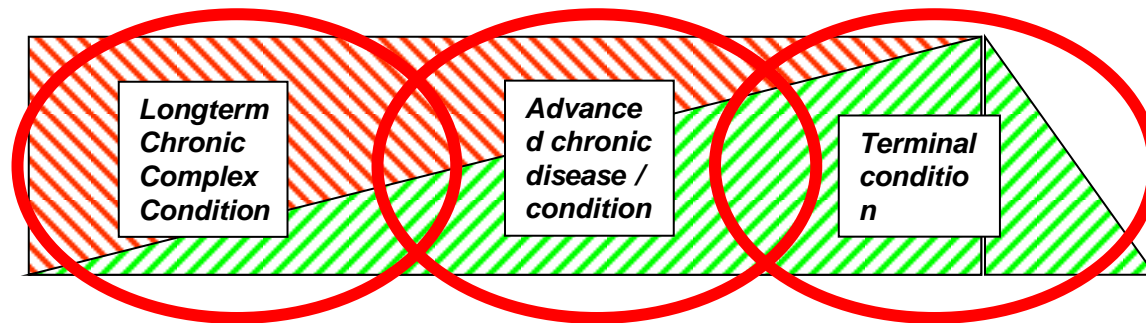
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**Models of palliative interventions in chronic care:  
from late, institutional, reactive and fragmented to  
early, community, preventive and integrated**

XGB et al, 2012

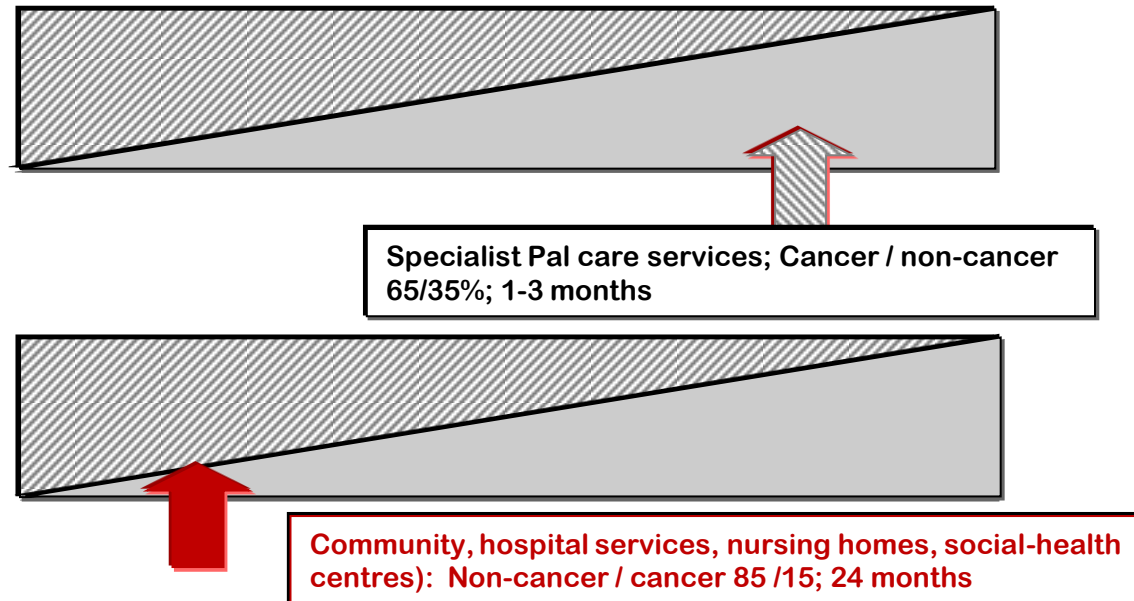


**Adapting the clinical , ethical & organizational perspectives of palliative approach & palliative care to the evolution of persons with advanced chronic conditions**



Time line: ----- 2-5 years ----- 2 years ----- 6 months

<p><b>“Complex Chronic condition”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disease-centered</li> <li>- Survival, sec/tert prevention</li> <li>- Build confidence</li> <li>- Shared Decission-making</li> <li>- Common language</li> <li>- Advance directives</li> <li>- Disease / Care management</li> <li>- RHB</li> <li>- Primary &amp; secondary specialist care</li> </ul>	<p><b>“Advanced chronic condition”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Condition &amp; QoL</li> <li>- Multidimensional assessment</li> <li>- Advance Care Planning</li> <li>- Values &amp; Preferences &amp; Scenarios</li> <li>- Crisis prevention</li> <li>- Gradual palliative care approach</li> <li>- Gradual essential needs</li> <li>- RHB</li> <li>- Case management &amp; Integrated care</li> <li>- Primary care &amp; secondary &amp; occasional palliative care</li> </ul>	<p><b>“End of life or terminal”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- QoL</li> <li>- Review &amp; Adjust frequently</li> <li>- Essential needs</li> <li>- Sedation</li> <li>- Elarging / shortening life</li> <li>- Nutrition/hydration</li> <li>- Bereavement</li> <li>- Primary &amp; palliative care (if needed) shared care</li> </ul>
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**FIGURE 8: Place of identification, types of patients, and median survival of patients with palliative care needs identified in the community**

# **Pal.liative care approach: the “soul” of Chronic Care Programmes**



**SERVICE DELIVERY  
& SAFETY**

**WHO INITIATIVE  
FOR  
PALLIATIVE CARE:  
STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN**



**World Health  
Organization**

## WHA Resolution 67.19: SCOPE & MODEL ISSUES

**(1) to develop, strengthen and implement, where appropriate, palliative care policies to support the comprehensive strengthening of health systems to integrate evidence-based, cost-effective and equitable palliative care services in the continuum of care, across all levels, with emphasis on primary care, community and home-based care, and universal coverage schemes;**

**(3) to develop and strengthen, where appropriate, evidence-based guidelines on the integration of palliative care into national health systems, across disease groups and levels of care, that adequately address ethical issues related to the provision of comprehensive palliative, such as equitable access, person-centred and respectful care, and community involvement, and to inform education in pain and symptom management and psychosocial support**

## Global Atlas of Palliative Care at the End of Life



# Needs assessment and Context analysis: The Global Atlas

- **57 million deaths / 38 million of diseases requiring palliative care**
- **60-80% of mortality in most countries**
- **60-70% in need of palliative care**
- **Around 1% of population (73 million) in need**
- **27 million persons die every year with palliative care needs (66% adults > 60, 10% children)**
- **27x3 = 81 million persons affected (family caregivers)**
- **> 50 millions prevalent**
- **78% in low-middle income countries**
- **86% non-communicable diseases**
- **Causes vary in regions: HIV/AIDS in Africa, multi-morbidity in Europe**
- **< 20% of people with pain have access to essential pain drugs as opioids**

**Epidemiology of palliative care needs (Source: Global Atlas)**

<i>Level</i>		<i>Description</i>	<i>N (%)</i>	
<b>Group 1</b>		<b>No known activity</b>	<b>75 (32.0)</b>	<b>No services: 42.0%</b>
<b>Group 2</b>		<b>Capacity building pioneers with no services</b>	<b>23 (10.0)</b>	
<b>Group 3</b>	<b>3a</b>	<b>Isolated provision</b>	<b>74 (31.6)</b>	<b>Isolated: 31.6%</b>
	<b>3b</b>	<b>Generalized provision</b>	<b>17 (7.3)</b>	<b>Generalized Provision: 26.6% (Inserted 19.3%) (Fully integrated 8.6%)</b>
<b>Group 4</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>Preliminary insertion in the mainstream</b>	<b>25 (10.7)</b>	
	<b>4b</b>	<b>Full integration into the mainstream</b>	<b>20 (8.6)</b>	

**Countries by level of Palliative Care development (Source: Global Atlas)**



## **Vision: main objectives at long-term**

- **All Member States having Palliative care fully integrated in their National Health Services**
- **Palliative Care and essential drugs available, accessible to all in all settings of care**
- **Palliative care applied as a human right**

- **Low income countries**
- **Countries without any implementation**
- **Access to essential medicines**
- **Model of care: essential needs (spirituality) and ethics (advance care planning)**
- **Primary and community perspective**
- **Early Palliative care for persons with long-term/chronic conditions**
- **Integrated / comprehensive models of organization**
- **Leadership: Clinical, organizational & policy**

**Special areas of interest**

# WHO DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS



## **Aims:**

- **Generate experience and evidence**
- **Innovation**
- **Involve different actors**
- **Recognise experiences**

## **Settings:**

- **Low-middle income countries**
- **Regions: Africa, Asia, Latin america**
- **Different target patients**
- **Different settings: community, nursing homes, districts, ...**

## **Methods:**

- **Of priority issues**
- **Clear aims**
- **WHO and Public Health principles**
- **Clear leadership**
- **Institutional commitment**
- **Clear methodology**
- **Commitment to evaluation**
- **Commitment to publish results**
- **Share experience**
- **Benchmark**

## **Organization:**

- **WHO and WHOCC leadership**
- **Common website**
- **Regular Evaluation**

**WHO proposal  
for  
Palliative care & approach**

**All patients  
All conditions  
All time  
All needs  
All professionals  
All settings  
All countries**

# ***Operational objectives to start 2015-2016***

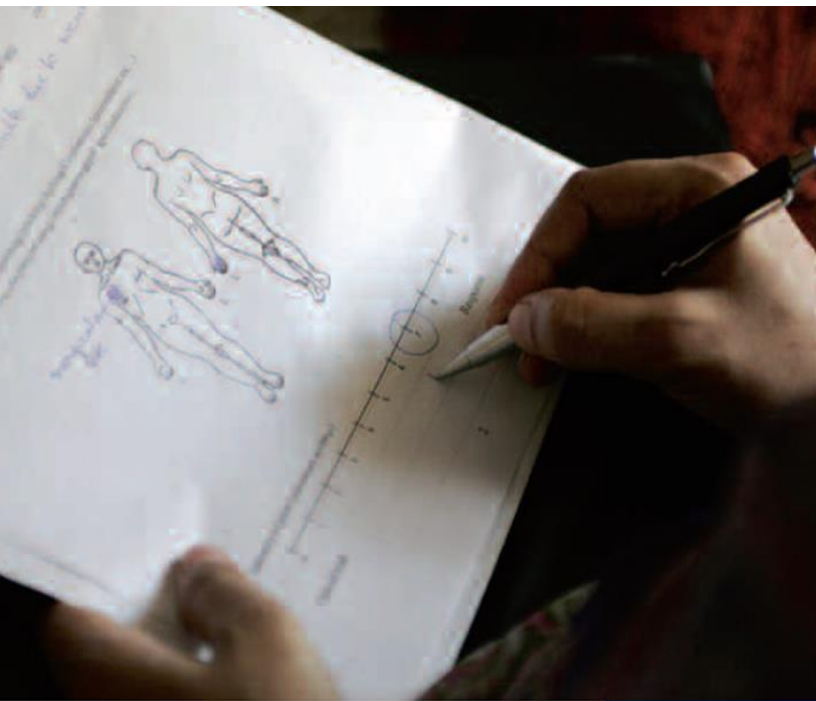


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- 1) Organizing Palliative care at WHO HQ and regions with all clusters and involvement of WHOCCs**
- 2) Information sent & training offered to Focal points, WHO CRs, Ministries**
- 3) Consensus WHO – Drug control agencies**
- 4) Consensus main stakeholders: Professional leaders and organizations, NGOs, partners**
- 5) Build and disseminate the knowledge for capacity building: Guidelines, manuals and tools**
- 6) Build and implement the methods for training**
- 7) Start implementation in country' support initiatives and demonstration projects**
- 8) Define evaluation plan: methodology and indicators (Globally and at a National level)**
- 9) Funding, Marketing, and Dissemination**

## Expected outcomes 2015-2020

- 1. High degree of internal and external consensus with WHO leadership and innovation**
- 2. Significant increase of Countries with Palliative Care Plans and Essential Drugs available, and demands for Technical Assistance**
- 3. Guidelines, Manuals, Tools and Training activities available and disseminated**
- 4. Country National Programs going on**
- 5. Countries developed access to essential drugs**
- 6. Demonstration Projects going on**
- 7. WHOCCS Global network**
- 8. Acquired Experience and Evidence**
- 9. Innovative Perspectives of Palliative Care**
- 10. Stable funding and support**



“Please, do not make us  
suffer any more...”

Access to Pain Treatment as a Human Right

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**Palliative care:  
basic human right  
indicator of degree of  
respect for human dignity  
All countries**

# Palliative care: the soul of the health care system





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