

PRISMA WP 3: Clinical Research Priorities in End-of-Life Care

PRISMA Work Package 3 is about to close a pan-European survey on End-of-Life Care Research in Europe. The results will be elaborated in an international workshop to outline a future research agenda.

The Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway, is the leading participant in this Work Package. The group leader is Professor Stein Kaasa. Katrin Sigurdardottir, MD, is employed as PhD student on the project and coordinates the work.

The first task in WP 3 is to conduct a **questionnaire survey** to understand how and how well end-of-life cancer care research is performed in Europe. We want to map research activities in all parts of Europe. Information on general as well as special issues on EOLC research is being collected. We are asking about ongoing research, research performed in the past three years, and future plans. There are also questions about barriers to EOLC research and what professionals see as the main research priorities for the next years.

A representative sample of end of life and palliative care researchers (203) in 41 European countries has been selected and invited to participate by answering an online survey. The results from the survey will be used to outline an agenda for future EOLC research in Europe.

The deadline for the PRISMA Survey on End-of-Life Care Research on Adults with Cancer is 30th April 2009. So far we have received more than 100 responses from a total of 36 European countries.

The second task in this WP will be to arrange a three-day **workshop** to further work develop an agenda for future EOLC research in Europe. The workshop will be arranged in Trondheim, Norway, in September 2009. Participants will be selected from those who have responded to the survey, as well as from the EAPC Research Network.