

Call for Papers

Special issue on Primary Palliative Care

We are delighted to announce a call for papers on the theme of Primary Palliative Care.

We define Primary Palliative Care as palliative care practised by primary healthcare workers, (including all professionals employed in community healthcare services), who provide integrated healthcare for people in local communities throughout their life. It includes early identification and triggering of palliative care as part of integrated and holistic chronic disease management, collaborating with specialist palliative care services where they exist, and strengthening underlying professional capabilities in primary care.

The central role of primary care in delivering Health for All has been widely accepted since the Astana Declaration of 2018. “Health Care for All” now includes palliative care in the community as essential to deliver cost-effective universal health coverage from cradle to grave. Universal access to palliative care is only achievable if all members of the health workforce who care for people experiencing Serious Health-related Suffering deliver it—in all health systems, irrespective of a country’s income status. Palliative care delivered by primary care teams is well developed in some higher-income countries, but less so in lower and middle income countries.

Our aim is to publish rigorous empirical original research, systematically constructed reviews, research methodologies or theoretical works. International perspectives on any aspect of primary palliative care are welcome especially from low and middle income countries.

Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Models of provision of palliative care in different settings such as care homes and at home in the community;
- Identification when a palliative care approach should be triggered in various illness trajectories to provide optimal benefit to patients and carers and the health system;
- Models to reach vulnerable groups in the community;
- Assessment of the benefit to patients of multidimensional assessment and early care planning for people with multimorbidity in the community;
- The effectiveness of palliative care interventions in primary care to improve the quality of life and care for people with all progressive illnesses, including cost-effectiveness outcomes;
- Interventions to improve Out-of-hours and urgent and emergency care for people with advanced illnesses, especially if they are not in receipt of specialist palliative care in-hours;
- Integrating palliative care approach with disease management, and in individual primary care consultations in high and low income settings;

- Identification and support for carers personally and well as in their role as a carer
- Supporting primary care doctors and nurses to be more confident in supporting people with progressive illnesses (at all ages);
- Outcomes of community development and volunteer innovations in primary care;
- Effective knowledge transfer processes.

We welcome studies that are orientated to:

- a public health or community-oriented approach with specific groups of primary care patients or communities e.g. practice population or care home or geographical populations
- A systems-based approach where palliative care is considered in the wider health and social care networks
- Using big data to improve access to a palliative care approach to those currently underserved in the community both day and night.
- Multidisciplinary insights from palliative care, primary care, medicine of the elderly, public health, social care and community development.

Authors should submit an electronic copy of their complete manuscript through Manuscript Central: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/palliative-medicine>.

Before submission authors should carefully read the journal's Author Guidelines <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journals/Journal201823?#tabview=manuscriptSubmission>, as papers that do not meet these requirements will not be processed through the system.

Deadline for submissions is ? June, **2023**.

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