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Key personnel

 **9**
new researchers in 2015

47 articles in peer-reviewed
international journals in 2015 

 **24** total
running projects
(including 3 EU-projects)

 **7** new projects
started in 2015

 **43**
total staff people



RESEARCH

The End-of-Life Care Research Group of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Ghent University aims to conduct high-quality scientific research in palliative care and end-of-life care in Belgium and Europe. Researchers with various scientific backgrounds work in a common structure to facilitate interdisciplinary collaborative research. The research group is spearheaded by a number of experienced researchers and strives to optimise training and support of junior researchers in order to expand expertise in palliative care research.

The research group also aims to achieve maximum dissemination of research findings through scientific publication, conferences, education, professional organisations and popular media. In doing so, research at the End-of-Life Care Research Group aims to improve palliative care practice through changes on a policy level, on an institutional level, and on the level of caregiver training.

Ongoing and past research projects, see
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PUBLICATIONS

Yearly, the End-of-Life Care research group publishes on average 40 articles in (inter)national scientific journals. The team publishes mostly in general medical journals (e.g. Arch Int Med, BMJ, JAMA, Lancet, NEJM) and in specialized palliative care journals (e.g. Journal of Palliative Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Journal of Pain and Symptom Management).

In order to bridge the gap between research and end-of-life care practice, the team publishes regularly in professional journals in Belgium and in books for targeted populations, e.g. health care professionals, volunteers in palliative care, or the general public.

For a full list of publications see www.endoflifecare.be

INTERNATIONAL EMBEDDING

- International Collaborative for End-of-Life Care Research (ICER)
- European Association for Palliative Care Research Network (EAPC RN)
- European Palliative Care Research Centre (PRC)

EUROPEAN COLLABORATIONS

- Austria
- Denmark
- France
- Luxembourg
- Poland
- Spain
- The Netherlands
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- Italy
- Norway
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

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