

ACHIEVING THE BEST PALLIATIVE CARE AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

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- Palliative Care for People with Cancer:
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- Dr Aline De Vleminck, Sociologist

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 **5**
new researchers



- Award for Highly Cited Research in Journal of Pain and Symptom Management
- Award for best PhD dissertation 2016 by the Superior Health Council of Belgium

 **27** total
ongoing projects
(including 3 EU-projects)

43 articles in peer-reviewed journals



 **6** new projects started

 **48**
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, Europe and beyond. 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.

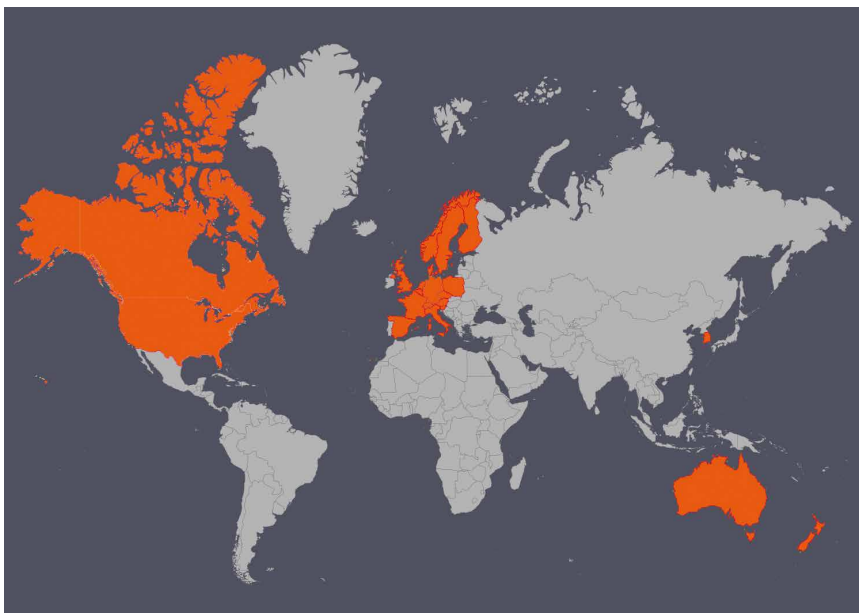
Ongoing and past research projects, see www.endoflifecare.be

PUBLICATIONS

Annually, the End-of-Life Care research group publishes on average 40 articles in international scientific journals. The team publishes mostly in general medical journals (e.g. JAMA, NEJM) and in specialized palliative care journals (e.g. Journal of Pain and Symptom Management, Palliative Medicine) about the following topics: Advance Care Planning, Cancer, Communication, Early Palliative Care, Euthanasia, Older People and Dementia, Palliative Care Needs, Place of Care and Place of Death, Sedation, Quality indicators.

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 COLLABORATIONS

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| • Canada | • Slovenia |
| • Czech Republic | • South Korea |
| • Denmark | • Spain |
| • Finland | • Sweden |
| • France | • Switzerland |
| • Germany | • The Netherlands |
| • Grenada | • Trinidad and Tobago |
| • Italy | • United Kingdom |
| • Luxembourg | • USA |
| • New Zealand | |

INTERNATIONAL EMBEDDING

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