



National Institute
of Nursing Research

Office of End-of-Life and Palliative Care Research (OEPCR)

As the lead Institute at NIH for end-of-life research, NINR supports research that explores intervention to manage the symptoms of advanced illness and in planning for end-of-life decisions.

The Office of End-of-Life and Palliative Care Research (OEPCR) coordinates and supports ongoing NINR and NIH research efforts in end-of-life and palliative care (EOL PC) science, including:

- Stimulation of end of life and palliative care research initiatives;
- Creation of opportunities for collaborative activities;
- Facilitation of interdisciplinary EOL PC science; and,
- Identify opportunities for science to inform policy and practice.

The NINR OEPCR supports science to assist individuals, families, and health care professionals in managing the symptoms of life limiting conditions and planning for end-of-life decisions. NINR also recognizes that high-quality, evidence-based palliative care is a critical component of maintaining quality of life at any stage of illness, not just at the end of life. Activities in this area address issues such as: relieving symptoms and suffering; and understanding decision-making by patients, caregivers, and provider www.ninr.nih.gov/eolpc-theme.

Current Funding Opportunity Announcements

- NINR Clinical Trial Planning Grant (R34)
- Academic Research Enhancement Award (R15)
- NOTICE End-of-Life and Palliative Care Approaches to Advanced Signs and Symptoms
- End of Life and Palliative Care Health Literacy: Improving Outcomes in Serious, Advanced Illness PA-18-499, PA-18-498 (R21, R0; CT Optional)
- Improving Individual and Family Outcomes through Continuity and Coordination of Care in Hospice PA-18-148, PA-18-166 (R01, R21; CT Optional)
- Palliative Care Needs of Individuals with Advanced Rare Diseases and Their Family Caregivers PA-18-149, PA-18-167 (R01, R21; CT Optional)
- Building Evidence: Effective Palliative/End of Life Care Interventions (PA-18-173; R01)
- End-of-Life and Palliative Needs of Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Serious Illnesses PA-18-137, PA-18-155 (R01, R21: CT Optional)
- Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R01, R03, R21)
- NIH Research Project Grant (Parent R01; CT Required; CT Not Allowed)
- NIH Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program
Sign on:
 - NIH Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health PAR-18-007 (R01)
 - Research on Informal and Formal Caregiving for Alzheimer's Disease PAR-18-027 R01, CT Optional/PAR-18-179 R21 CT Optional)
 - Improving Quality of Care and Quality of Life for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias at the End of Life PAS-18-030/PAS-17-026 (R01, R03; CT Optional)
 - Advancing the Science of Geriatric Palliative Care PA-18-502/PA-18-503 (R01, R21; CT Optional)

Selected Projects

2018 NASEM Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness; Integrating Health Care and Social Services for People with Serious Illness

2018 Sound Health: An NIH-Kennedy Center Partnership; NIH Kennedy Center Music and Health

2018 CSU National Symposium for Academic Palliative Care Education and Research

2018 Annual Assembly of the Hospice and Palliative Care Update on New NIH Clinical Trial Policies, Application Requirements and Resources

2018 Health Affairs Building a Workforce for Community-Based Serious Illness Care

2018 NACNR. Hickman-Feudtner- Odom-Dionne: DECISIONS THAT MATTER: TRANSLATING PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH INTO POLICY AND PRACTICE; PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE: FROM POPULATION-LEVEL STUDIES TO INTIMATE DECISIONS; ADDRESSING THE URGENCY OF SUPPORTING SERIOUS ILLNESS FAMILY CAREGIVERS

2017 Summit. *The Science of Caregiving: Bringing Voices Together*

2017 Director's Lecture *Giving Voice to the Voiceless: Improving Communication with Critically Ill Patients*

2017 NIH and Kennedy Center *Music and Health*; feature *Palliative Care and Music Therapy*

2017 CNBC Feature on AI in ACP Bickmore/Paasche-Orlow

2017 Palliative and End-of-Life Issues: Policy Perspective (in Grady and Hinshaw (Eds) *Using Nursing Research to Shape Health Policy*)

2017 NINR and MedlinePlus® Launch a Palliative Care Text Campaign

2017 PCRC publication: Better Together: The Making and Maturation of the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group, JPM

2017 Advancing Palliative and End-of-Life Science in Cardiorespiratory Populations: The Contributions of Nursing Science *Heart and Lung (Grady)*

2017 *National Academies of Sciences Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness*

2017 *NASM Perspective Piece: Community-Based Models of Care Delivery for People with Serious Illness (Roundtable Workgroup)*

2016 NINR *Conversations Matter™* Pediatric Palliative Care Communications Campaign

2016 Stories of Discovery NINR (Bakitas and Aldridge)

2016 *NINR Director's Lecture Science and the Public*, Ms. Ellen Goodman, *The Conversation Project*

2016 *NINR Director's Lecture*, Dr. Marie Nolan, Reframing Shared Decision Making at the End of Life

2016 *National Academies of Sciences Roundtable on Quality Care for People with Serious Illness*

2016 The Spectrum of Caregiving in Palliative Care for Serious, Advanced Rare Diseases: Key Issues and Research Directions (JPM)

2015 *Palliative Care and Caregiving in Individuals with Advanced Rare Disease Workshop*

2015 *Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group* at NIH

2015 IOM NAS, *Dying in America*

2015 Palliative Care Conversations Matter™ and Pediatric Palliative Care Brochure (English and Spanish)

2014 Critical Care Roundtable

2014 NINR Innovative Question Initiative: End-of-Life and Palliative Care Science

2014 NINR DSPPL *NIH SeniorHealth.gov End-of-Life Module*

2014 *Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (PCRC)*

2013 *Building Momentum: The Science of End-of-Life and Palliative Care*

2013 *AHRQ Technical Brief*

2012 *Federal Liaison/Steering Committee Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)*

2011 National Summit: *The Science of Compassion. Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care*

2011 *EPEC-O Modules support NCI African Americans*

2009 *Palliative Care: The Relief You Need When You're Experiencing the Symptoms of Serious Illness*

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