

ABSTRACTS

We invite abstracts based on research and best practice in palliative and end of life care. Scan the QR code to visit the conference web page, where you can download the abstract submission form.

REGISTRATION

Delegates can opt to attend one or both days of the conference as listed below. Scan the QR code for further details, and act fast to take advantage of the earlybird rates. Standard rates apply from 1 October 2025.

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International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person

ATTENDANCE FEES

19 NOVEMBER 2025 International Collaborative Annual Symposium	Earlybird rate available until 23:59 on 30 September 2025	Standard Rate applicable from 0:00 on 1 October 2025
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BEST CARE FOR THE DYING PERSON

Royal College of Physicians North, The Spine
Liverpool, UK
19-20 November 2025

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM

19 NOVEMBER 2025 | ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS NORTH

09:00 Coffee and registration

09:30 Welcome and key updates from the International Collaborative *Chaired by Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*

- Care for the Dying Quality Forum *Dr Susie Wilkinson, University of Liverpool, UK*
- Care for the Dying Academy *Prof Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden*
- International Care for the Dying Research Network *Prof Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands*

10:00 Workshops *Chaired by Associate Prof Mark Boughey, University of Melbourne, Australia*
Pitches on group discussion themes

- What is the 10/40 Model for Best Care for the Dying Person? *Dr Susie Wilkinson, University of Liverpool, UK*
- The Serious Illness Care Programme *Associate Prof Anna Sandgren, Linnaeus University, Sweden, and Dr Stephen Mason, University of Liverpool, UK*
- EAPC White Paper on Care for the Dying *Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*
- Digital Legacy *Dr Amara Nwosu, Lancaster University, UK*
- 24-Hour Research Study in Care for the Dying *Prof Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden*
- Research on End of Life Decisions *Prof Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands*

10:30 Group discussion 1

11:05 Coffee

11:30 Group discussion 2 (groups rotate)

12:05 Feedback and discussion

12:30 Lunch

13:30 The Lancet Commission Report on the Value of Death and the EU Horizon 2020 iLIVE Project
Dr Libby Sallnow, University College London, UK, and Professor Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands

14:00 Workshops *Chaired by Dr Vilma Tripodoro, Pallium Latinoamerica, Argentina*
Pitches on group discussion themes

- Research on International Benchmarking *Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*
- Quality Improvement in Care for the Dying *Prof Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden*
- The EU Horizon 2020 iLIVE Project Legacy *Prof Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands*
- Biobank in Palliative Medicine *Prof Lia van Zuylen, Amsterdam UMC, Netherlands, and Dr Seamus Coyle, University of Liverpool, UK*
- Care of the Dying Evaluation (CODE) *Dr Catriona Mayland, University of Sheffield, UK*
- Pharmacology in Care for the Dying *Dr Eric Geijteman, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands, and Dr Andrew Dickman, University of Liverpool, UK*

14:30 Group discussion 1

15:05 Coffee

15:30 Group discussion 2 (groups rotate)

16:05 Feedback and discussion

16:30 International Collaborative Annual General Meeting *Chaired by Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE

20 NOVEMBER 2025 | ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS NORTH

08:45 Coffee and registration

09:30 Opening address *Prof Sir Mike Richards, Independent Chair of the Commission on Palliative and End of Life Care, UK*

09:35 Welcome

09:40 The International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person: Successes over the past ten years and ambitions for the future *Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*

10:00 The International EU Horizon 2020 iLIVE Project: Key research findings and implications for palliative care practice *Prof Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands*

10:20 The National Audit of Care at the End of Life (NACEL): What have we learned and how can we drive forward improvement in care for the dying? *Dr Mary Miller, Clinical Lead, National Audit of Care at the End of Life (NACEL), UK*

10:40 Panel discussion

11:00 Coffee and poster viewing

11:20 What has the palliative care community learned from the implementation of Physician Assisted Suicide in the State of Victoria, Australia? *Associate Prof Mark Boughey, University of Melbourne, Australia*

11:40 Is it possible to develop Europe-wide standards for palliative care education? The EU COST Action CODE-YAA Project *Dr Stephen Mason, University of Liverpool, UK*

12:00 48-hour drug delivery by syringe driver: Is it possible and what are the implications for practice? *Dr Andrew Dickman, University of Liverpool, UK*

12:20 Panel discussion

12:30 Lunch and poster viewing

13:30 Parallel Session A

1. Oral presentations from submitted abstracts *Led by Dr Vilma Tripodoro and Dr Susie Wilkinson*
2. Driving quality improvement through NACEL *Led by Dr Mary Miller and Dr Julie Bellieu*
3. Ethical issues in care for the dying *Led by Associate Prof Mark Boughey and Dr Teodora Manea Hauskeller*
4. Education in palliative care *Dr Stephen Mason and Associate Prof Catarina Simões RN*

14:20 Five minute break to change sessions

14:25 Parallel Session B (repeated from Session A - groups rotate)

15:15 Tea and poster viewing

15:35 Global challenges in care for the dying: The Lancet Commission Report *Roger Phillips, BBC Broadcaster, in conversation with Dr Libby Sallnow, first author on the Lancet Commission on the Value of Death: bringing death back into life (2022)*

16:15 Prizes for oral and poster presentations *Prof John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*

16:20 Looking to the future *Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK*

16:30 Close