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INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE SYMPOSIUM 13TH NOVEMBER | SANTA MARIA HEALTH SCHOOL

The International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person (Chaired by Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)

9h00 - Welcome and introduction to the International Collaborative (Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)

9h25 - Key achievements: highlights from 2024 (Professor Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden)

9h40 - Innovations in 2024: updates from Reference Centres

- Norway: Revising the Care Plan – cascading changes sustainably (Grethe Skorpen Iversen RN, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway)
- Argentina: Spreading the Care Plan within general hospitals is challenging beyond the Palliative Care team's responsibilities (Dr. Vilma Tripodoro, Pallium Latinoamerica, Argentina)
- Sweden: Developing a course for leaders responsible for implementing a Care Plan (Anette Duarte RN, Lund University, Sweden)
- Discussion

11h00 - Workshops

- Introduction (Professor Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden)
- **Workshop 1**
 - What is the 10/40 Model for Best Care for the Dying Person? (Dr. Susie Wilkinson, University of Liverpool, UK)
 - Training and education in the Serious Illness Care Programme (Dr. Stephen Mason, University of Liverpool UK)
 - EAPC White Paper on Care for the Dying (Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)
 - Revising the Care Plan – cascading changes sustainably (Grethe Skorpen Iversen RN, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway)
 - Spreading the Care Plan within General Hospitals (Dr. Vilma Tripodoro, Pallium Latinoamerica, Argentina)
 - Developing a course for leaders responsible for implementing a Care Plan (Anette Duarte RN, Lund University, Sweden)
- **Workshop 2**
 - Groups rotate
- Feedback and discussion

12h30 - Lunch time

13h30 - International Research in the Collaborative

- Introduction (Professor Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus University Medical Centre, Netherlands)
- **Pitches on international research**
 - Research on Core Outcome Sets and benchmarking (Professor Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden)
 - Research on serious illness communication (Dr. Anna Sandgren, Linnaeus University, Sweden)
 - Research on volunteering in end of life care (Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)
 - Research on end-of-life decisions (Professor Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus UMC, Netherlands)
 - Research on the 10/40 Model for Best Care for the Dying Person (Dr. Stephen Mason, University of Liverpool, UK)
- Round table discussion 1
- Round table discussion 2
- Summary and feedback
- Concluding remarks and future steps

16h00 - The International Collaborative Annual General Meeting

- Welcome and Annual Report Overview (Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)
- Membership Update (Dr Susie Wilkinson, University of Liverpool, UK)
- Financial Report (Associate Professor Mark Boughey, University of Melbourne, Australia)
- Summer School, Málaga 2025 (Dr. Marisa Martin Rosello, Fundacion Cudeca, Spain)
- 10th Annual Conference, Liverpool 2025 (Professor John Ellershaw, University of Liverpool, UK)



INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCE 14TH NOVEMBER | SÃO FRANCISCO DE ASSIS AUDITORIUM

Communication and Integration - Improving care for dying people and their families

9h00 - Welcome and Introduction to The International Collaborative for Best Care for The Dying Person (**Rui Carneiro / John Ellershaw**)

9h15 - Communication - Serious illness conversation (Chaired by **Susie Wilkinson**)

- Serious Illness Conversation: what it is? (**Carl Johan Fürst, Lund University, Sweden**)
- Serious Illness Conversation: how to adjust to your reality? And in Portugal? (**Barbara Antunes**)
- Oral Presentation of selected abstracts

11h00 - Suffering: Is it a treatable trait? (Chaired by **John Ellershaw**)

- Lessons from iLIVE: Live well; Die well cohort study (**Agnes van der Heide, Erasmus MC, Netherlands**)
- Intensive Caring: An Approach to Human Suffering (**Harvey Chochinov, University of Manitoba, Canada**)

12h15 - Lunch time

13h30 - Hot topic: Dying from cancer and non-cancer disease - is it different? (Chaired by **Teresa Sarmiento**)

- Highly specific signs of imminent death (**Catarina Simões, Escola Superior de Saúde de Santa Maria, Portugal**)
- Can we actually diagnose dying? (**Séamus Coyle, University of Liverpool, UK**)
- Oral Presentation of selected abstracts

14h30 - Integration: Can end of life care be mainstream? (Chaired by **Vilma Tripodoro**)

- Public Engagement in EoL: views from iLIVE (**Marisa Martín-Roselló, Cudeca Hospice, Spain**)
- Integration of technology in the relief of suffering (**José Luís Pereira, Universidad de Navarra, Spain**)
- Quality of care of the dying in modern Internal Medicine wards in Portugal (**Rui Carneiro, Hospital da Luz- Arrábida, Portugal**)
- Oral Presentation of selected abstracts

16h00 - Hot topic: Medication issues in last days of life (Chaired by **Mark Boughey**)

- Pharmacologic approach to care in last days: focusing on the patient (**Eric Geijteman, Erasmus MC, Netherlands**)
- Oral Presentation of selected abstracts

16h45 - The collaborative: Looking to the future (**Prof. John Ellershaw**)

- Reflection of the day / Prizes / End of the day

WORKSHOPS

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In Communication:

- Communication about Serious Illness - English (**Carl Johan Fürst**)

Time: 14H00 - 16H00

Number of participants: max 20

Participant background: Clinicians with different training and background and with experience of communication with seriously ill patients and families.

Workshop leader: Carl Johan Fürst, MD, PhD, Senior professor of palliative medicine, Lund University, Lund, Sweden

In the workshop we will discuss different types of crucial and sometimes challenging communications. The workshop will have a focus on the transition from a disease situation with hope for cure to a perspective of limited prognosis and the approaching death. We will explore the ability of the clinician to express compassion and stay in relation and dialogue with the patient. Useful communication strategies will be presented and there will plenty of room for interaction and demonstration of serious illness conversations.

GETTING TO PORTO

From Europe

Porto is well-connected to major cities in Europe through its international airport, **Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)**, which serves numerous airlines offering direct flights.

Upon arrival at Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport, visitors can reach Porto city center and **Santa Maria Health School** conveniently via **taxi, metro or bus**.

From Other Continents

Travelers from outside Europe can reach Porto via connecting flights to **Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (OPO)** or other major European hubs such as **Lisbon Portela Airport (LIS)** or **Madrid-Barajas Adolfo Suárez Airport (MAD)**.

Once in Europe, visitors can proceed to Porto by taking a connecting flight or utilizing train or bus services, depending on their preferences and travel arrangements.

WHERE TO STAY

Hotels

Hotel Cristal - Book through this link - <https://www.hoteiscristal.pt/cristalporto/en/>

Information: It is the closest hotel to Santa Maria Health School.

Porto City Hotel - Book through this link - <https://portocityhotel.com/>

Renaissance Porto Lapa Hotel - Book through this link - <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/opobr-renaissance-porto-lapa-hotel/overview/>

Hotel Jaguar - Book through this link - <https://hoteljaguar.eu/dvti/slideSite/>

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LOCATIONS

WHERE YOU CAN FIND US

Santa Maria Health School - [Google Maps](#)

São Francisco de Assis Auditorium - [Google Maps](#)

FEES AND PRICES

	Full Collaborative Members	Non-Collaborative Members
13-14 Nov	175€	225€
14 Nov*	150€	200€
14 Nov**	100€	150€
WS***	100€	150€

*In person and lunch included / **Online / ***Limited places



Organizing Committee

António Carneiro, Internal Medicine, Intensive Medicine, Hospital da Luz Arrábida - Portugal; Bioethics Study Group - Portuguese Internal Medicine Society

Catarina Simões, Nurse Specialist in Community and Medical-Surgical Care; Escola Superior de Saúde de Santa Maria - Portugal, EAPC Task Force for the Dying/ International Collaborative for the Best Care for the Dying Person

Daniel Cunha, Nurse Specialist in Medical-Surgical Care; Escola Superior de Saúde de Santa Maria - Portugal

Rui Carneiro, Internal Medicine, Palliative Medicine, Hospital da Luz Arrábida; Bioethics Study Group - Portuguese Internal Medicine Society

Scientific Committee

John Ellershaw, Professor of Palliative Medicine, University of Liverpool, EAPC Task Force for the Dying/ International Collaborative for the Best Care for the Dying Person

Susie Wilkinson, Palliative Care Unit Liverpool University, EAPC Task Force for the Dying/ International Collaborative for the Best Care for the Dying Person

Paal Piret, Anthropologist, Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg · Palliative Care Research Institute, EAPC Task Force for the Dying/ International Collaborative for the Best Care for the Dying Person

Agnes van der Heide, Public Health, Erasmus MC - Netherlands, EAPC Task Force for the Dying/ International Collaborative for the Best Care for the Dying Person

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Helena Beça, Family Physician, Palliative Care, Palliative Care Community Support Team, Vila Nova de Gaia - Portugal



Information and Registration

Get all the information about the **International Collaborative for Best Care for the Dying Person** and registration on the **Annual Conference** on this QR CODE or in the following website: <https://www.bestcareforthedying.org/annual-conference>