



Second International Workshop on Community Participation in Palliative Care

5 & 6 February 2008
Manjeri, Malappuram, Kerala, India

Neighbourhood Network in Palliative Care (NNPC), Kerala

In association with
District Panchayath, Malappuram



Theme of the Workshop

Home Care for the Chronically and Incurably ill

Facilitating Organisations

Indian Association of Palliative Care-Kerala Chapter

African Palliative Care Association

Help the Hospices, UK

Help the Aged, UK

“Be not slow to visit the sick”- Ecclesiastes

H Home Care for the chronically and incurably ill

The number of people disabled or bedridden with chronic and incurable illness is enormous. This include people with advanced cancer, AIDS, progressive neurological conditions, end stage cardiac, respiratory and renal diseases, chronic psychiatric illness and a huge number of the elderly. Despite the different diagnoses, most of these patients have similar unmet needs. Because of the nature of the life long care that they require, traditional medical institutions are not capable of providing proper care to these people. Establishment of palliative care services has been the most important positive development in the care of the incurably ill in many regions of the world.

Probably because of the difficulties in evolving out of the traditional biomedical model, the present day palliative care models in most places are still diagnosis focused and doctor led. This, 'medicalisation,' among other things, also tends to marginalise the role of the community in the care of the bedridden. But even the best clinical care, if not linked with appropriate psycho social and spiritual support, will not be able to do justice to the concept of total care.

We believe that care should be available in the community to the disabled or bed ridden patient irrespective of the diagnosis. Most of these patients, especially if they are in the Developing World, are incapable of regular access to services from institutions. The best option in most regions would be home care programs with community participation and health care institutions acting as back up units.

Our experience with home care programs in Neighbourhood Network in Palliative Care have taught us that it can be a common platform for addressing the needs of people with different diagnoses. Home care programs in the community also help in generating and sustaining interest at the grass root level. Home Care programs in community owned palliative care network in Kerala now look after people with advanced cancer, AIDS, stroke, paraplegia, quadriplegia, end stage renal, cardiac and respiratory diseases, chronic psychiatric illness and also old age problems.

We hope that the Second International Workshop on Community Participation in Palliative Care will be an opportunity for all of us interested in the field of home care to pool our experiences and exchange ideas.

Objectives of the Workshop

The Second International Workshop on Community Participation in Palliative Care will review:

- i) Current approaches to home-based care delivery
- ii) Structure and management of home-based care programmes
- iii) Guidelines for ensuring quality assurance for palliative care delivery through home-based care programmes
- iv) The package of services delivered through home-based care services
- v) Delivery of home-based care and the existing referral networks for it, and whether they are being used.

through interactive sessions: on

- 1. Home care for patients with cancer
- 2. PLWHA in the community
- 3. Home care for children with chronic and incurable diseases
- 4. Care of the elderly in the community
- 5. Home care for patients with spinal injury
- 6. Patient with advanced renal disease at home
- 7. Community Psychiatry
- 8. Home care programs and local self government institutions
- 9. Nurse led home care programs

From August 2007, Palliative care groups in Kerala are also organizing satellite seminars on the above topics as part of the preparations for the workshop.

R Registration fee

Developing World: INR 500

Developed World: US\$ 100

Cheques / demand drafts in favour of "International Workshop on Community Participation" along with the completed registration forms to be sent to the

Workshop Secretariat

Second International Workshop on Community Participation in Palliative Care

Institute of Palliative Medicine

Medical College, Calicut, 673008

Kerala, India.

To ensure meaningful discussions, the total number of places will be strictly limited to 200 on a first come first basis. There will not be any spot registrations. Limited number of places will also be available on 3rd and 4th February for home visits with the NNPC home care teams. There is no separate registration fee for these field visits. But early registration is advised.

Workshop Venue: The Workshop will be held at VP Hall, Manjeri. Manjeri is a small town in Malappuram District in Kerala. The nearest international airport (Calicut / Kozhikode) is less than 20 km. from the venue. Calicut railway station is about 40 Kilometers from Manjeri.

Accommodation: Accommodation at the rate of INR 200 - 1200 per night are available close to the workshop venue.

Climate: Climate in Kerala in February is pleasant with temperature ranging 24-26° C.



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"...We go to the people!... Look out of the windows - a whole street of houses. That's where the doctor must go. Into every house, into every city, into every village. From door to door. We take medicine right down to the last individual..."

-Dr. Norman Bethune, 1935