Medical Education in Palliative Care
EAPC: Europe and Germany

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Wish and Reality in Germany and Europe

• What are our goals?

• How can we reach our goals?

• Where are we now?

• How to go on?
Each seriously ill or dying human has a right for adequate, qualified and multiprofessional treatment and terminal care. Therefore, all those working in the field of Palliative Care must have the chance to qualify to gain necessary skills, knowledge, and attitudes.

Specialist Palliative Care training should be available to prepare healthcare professionals who will manage integrated care for patients with more than routine symptom management needs.

Strengthening of Palliative Care as a component of comprehensive care throughout the life course.
Resolution of 24 May 2014 at the 67th session of the World Health Assembly (WHA67.19).
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Europa – Policy

K. Woitha et al, 2014 (in press)
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Europe – Specialisation

C. Centeno, 2014; Exponential development of number of countries with specialisation in PC (1987 – 2014)
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Germany – Sub-Specialty
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Europe – PC at Universities

The image shows a bar chart depicting the percentage of medical education in palliative care at universities across various countries in Europe. The countries are listed from top to bottom, and the percentage values are indicated on the chart. The chart includes countries such as the United Kingdom, Israel, Norway, Belgium, France, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Malta, Lithuania, Poland, Hungary, Switzerland, Georgia, Slovenia, Latvia, Finland, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Belarus, Cyprus, Denmark, the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Greece, Romania, Serbia, and Slovakia. The values range from 0% to 100%, with some countries having higher percentages than others.
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Germany – PC at Universities

**Problem: Socialisation of young doctors**

„Death is a doctor’s personal enemy. Consequently, death is what we are trying to fight…“

**Solution: Promotion of undergraduate training**

However, only 17 of 53 European countries have chairs of PC / PM (Germany 9 of 35 U)
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Semesterverteilung QB13

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Elsner, Centeno, De Conno et al. (2009) www.eapcnet.eu
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EAPC Steering Group – Current activities

- Mapping of Medical Education

- International Medical Education in Palliative Care –
  Research on Undergraduates (iMEP-RU) – Pilot studies in Europe (2013),
  China (2014), India (2015), Taiwan (2015?)

- Curricula update

- Specialisation for Physicians
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German Association for Palliative Medicine – Structure STG-MEPC

www.dgpalliativmedizin.de/arbeitsgruppen/arbeitsgruppe-bildung.html
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Conclusion – Development of PC in Europe

- Education
- Research
- Healthcare