



Net News

National Consensus Survey: 2006 Proposed Principles and Norms of Practice for Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care

The Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) in partnership with the Canadian Network of Palliative Care for Children (CNPCC) is undertaking a national survey to achieve consensus regarding proposed principles and norms of practice for pediatric hospice palliative care in Canada.

Based on CHPCA's docu-

ment entitled A Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: Based on National Principles and Norms of Practice, and foundational work by the Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care Committee of British Columbia, and the Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care Standards Committee at the Hospital for Sick Children (Toronto), proposed principles and norms of practice for

pediatric hospice palliative care in Canada have been developed.

The next step towards achieving consensus is to conduct a national survey asking for your comments and feedback on the validity of the proposed national principles and norms of practice for pediatric hospice palliative care.

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ National Consensus Survey for Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care
- ☺ Conference Information!

Pediatric Palliative Care Inaugural Lectureship

Celebrating 20 Years of Pediatric Palliative Care at SickKids, Toronto
 Join us at SickKids for a full day of celebrations on **Wednesday October 11th, 2006** to mark our 20th anniversary of providing palliative care to children and their families. The day will include:

The Inaugural Lectureship in Pediatric Palliative care with guest speaker Dr. Ulrika Kreicbergs (1:00- 3:00 pm) followed by a wine & cheese reception, poster displays, discussion, and an awards/recognition ceremony (3:00- 7:00 pm).

The event is free however registration will be limited. Come and meet new and old friends and colleagues. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters or **for more information or to register please call 416-813-6905.**

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The CHPCA and CNPCC are looking for comments from a broad cross section of the health care sector. Comments are being solicited from the following health care communities:

- the pediatric hospice palliative care community
- the pediatric health care community - those not specializing in hospice palliative care
- the hospice palliative care community - those not specializing in pediatrics

We invite you to participate in this national consensus survey. Your feedback on the proposed principles and norms of practice for pediatric hospice palliative care is essential to ensure that these national principles and norms of practice reflect the diversity of care in Canada and the variety of settings where children receive hospice palliative care services.

Completing the on-line survey will take approximately 1 hour, therefore, it is recommended that you print out a working copy of the survey prior to filling it in on-line. This will expedite the data entry process. **You can download a PDF version of the survey from the CHPCA Web Site at: www.hospicepalliativecare.ca.**

You can access the on-line survey by going to the following web site:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=82891711403>

Deadline for participating in this survey is: 11:00 pm (Eastern), Thursday, February 23rd, 2006

Should you have technical questions regarding the on-line survey please contact Greg Adams at the CHPCA national office at gadams@scohs.on.ca.

Thank you for participating in this national consensus survey. Together we will ensure quality hospice palliative and end-of-life care for Canada's children.

Sincerely,
Sharon Baxter—CHPCA Executive Director, Filomena Nalewajek—CNPCC Co-chair and Mike Harlos—CNPCC Co-chair

We would like to feature information about different programs from across Canada. Please share about your program, the people who work with your program and the things you are doing and have done! Just email your information to: newsletter@cnpcc.ca

16th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill

The **16th International Congress on Care of the Terminally Ill**, taking place in Montreal, Canada, September 25-29th, will give healthcare professionals, therapists, volunteers, and all those involved in care for the dying the opportunity to renew themselves as providers of care and obtain the inspiration that will help shape the palliative care of the future. There is a special session on pediatric palliative care that may interest some of you.

**Tuesday, September 26
9:00 - 17:30**

UNDERSTANDING WHAT FAMILIES WANT AND WHAT CHILDREN NEED: PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH BRINGS US CLOSER

Organizer and Chair: Stephen Liben, *Montreal Children's Hospital, McGill University*

What have we learned in our daily practice that can help us do things better, both for our own well being as well as for the children and families in our care? This all-day seminar will feature presentations from international researchers in pediatric palliative care that will serve as a catalyst to discussion and reflective-practice small group work.

For further information:
<http://www.pal2006.com/>



**7th INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM ON
PEDIATRIC PAIN**

**June 25-29, 2006
Vancouver, BC**

www.meet-ics.com/ispp2006

Hosted by the **Canadian Pain in Child Health Society for the Special Interest Group on Pain in Childhood of the International Association for the Study of Pain.**

"The **ISPP 2006 Education Day** will focus on serious gaps between recent advances in understanding and controlling pain and inadequate application of best practices in clinical and institutional settings. This Education Day should appeal to new and seasoned practitioners committed to initiating change and breaking down barriers working with children and their families, other professionals and organizations in need of change. The **ISPP 2006 Education Day** is held prior to the ISPP Conference and is designed to complement the larger conference program by providing a venue for putting new knowledge into practice.

Despite substantial new knowledge and readily available information addressing how to assess and treat chil-

dren's pain, it is widely recognized that changing behaviours in health care is a complex and difficult challenge. If progress is to be achieved, novices and experts alike will need to know strategies for initiating change and how to evaluate change at the many levels ranging from the individual in clinical practice to broader institutional and social organizations. With this in mind, **ISPP 2006 Education Day** will focus on frontiers in knowledge transfer in our field. We will examine: a) basic science foundations for understanding the developing and vulnerable pain system needed to appreciate new approaches to practice; b) new conceptual frameworks that have led to innovations in pain management, and c) processes of social and institutional change essential to influencing organizational change.

We will recognize that many questions remain unanswered and we will use a problem-solving approach to address them. Is basic science providing knowledge needed to change practice in the diverse settings? Is our current understanding appropriate to specific target populations, particularly culturally diverse groups and children at varying levels of development? Are we even asking the right questions?

A variety of learning venues will be used, including large group plenary sessions and small group case-based participation, discussion and problem solving sessions with multidisciplinary experts. The format will engage participants with all levels of experience

and across all disciplines.

In sum, the **ISPP 2006 Education Day** will focus on the process of applying new theoretical and evidence-based knowledge to develop concrete and action-oriented strategies to initiating change in the Pediatric pain management at all levels, patient, family, institutional and societal." - ISPP Website

6th International Forum on Pediatric Pain

This Forum will be held in beautiful White Point, Nova Scotia, from October 12-15, 2006. The title of the meeting will be "Pediatric Pain: A Clinical Casebook" and will consist of an innovative series of evidence-based patient case discussions on selected themes in pediatric pain, chaired by invited experts in the area. We believe this approach will enhance the integration of science and clinical practice.

We are currently seeking submissions of cases for oral and poster presentation at the upcoming meeting.

Abstracts should be e-mailed to kelly.hayton@iwk.nshealth.ca by April 30th, 2006.

We look forward to seeing you at White Point in the fall of 2006!

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