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May Newsletter

CEO Update

We're pleased to share that preparations are in full swing for our Membership Workshop, taking place on June 10th. We're delighted to welcome Marie Cooper as our guest facilitator for what promises to be a thought-provoking and engaging session. This interactive workshop is a great opportunity for members to come together, exchange ideas, and contribute to discussions that are helping to shape the future of palliative care practice in Ireland. We encourage all members to join us for what is sure to be a valuable and energising event.

IAPC Membership Workshop 2025
10th June 2025



Marie Cooper



Marie is a nurse with many years' experience of clinical leadership across a range of care settings. From 2014 to June 2019, Marie was Practice Development Lead for Hospice UK, which enabled her to work with hospice executive clinical leaders and national organisations to champion the delivery of high quality, accessible palliative care.

Since June 2019, Marie works freelance with several organisations including St Christophers Hospice where her role is as Senior Nurse Advisor. In this role she co leads with Heather Richardson the Global Palliative Nursing Network the GPNN launched in 2023. Marie is also an accredited coach and mentor and loves collaborating with colleagues to improve end of life care and the strengthen the voice of nursing.

Register here: <https://forms.office.com/e/Pf7vu57Nx0>

[Register Here](#)

Looking further ahead, planning has already begun for our 2026 Education and Research Seminar, and we're excited to continue building opportunities for learning, collaboration, and innovation in the months to come.

We also want to remind you that our Nursing, Pharmacy, and Ethics Forums are always open to new expressions of interest. These forums are at the heart of the IAPC's work—supporting peer connection, professional development, and the continuous advancement of palliative care in Ireland. If you're interested in contributing to any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you.

Recruitment for the new CEO of the IAPC is still ongoing. Interviews are scheduled to take place on 19th May, and we will share further updates with members as the process progresses. Thank you for your continued interest and support during this important transition.

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Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, workshops, and opportunities throughout the summer—there's plenty more to come.

The IAPC is delighted to share that all IAPC members now have access to the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) as part of their membership. The IAHPC is a globally respected organisation that offers in-depth research, resources, and advocacy in hospice and palliative care. It serves as an excellent source of interdisciplinary information, supporting the ongoing development of best practices across clinical, policy, and academic settings. This added benefit gives our members the opportunity to engage with international perspectives, enhance their knowledge, and



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connect with a global network of professionals committed to improving palliative care.

Scholarships

The Irish Hospice Foundation is offering a limited number of scholarships, each worth up to €3,000, to support professionals from various disciplines—including nursing, medicine, allied health, counselling, and the voluntary/community sector—who are pursuing postgraduate (NFQ Level 9 or 10) studies in end-of-life or bereavement care. Two scholarships are reserved for those working in palliative care. Applicants must be working or volunteering in adult or child end-of-life or bereavement care in acute, residential, community, or voluntary settings, have secured study leave, and be eligible for EU fees. Applications for the 2025/2026 academic year are now open.

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Further Details



Irish Hospice Foundation has launched its new 2025–2030 strategy, *Every Death Matters: Transforming Dying, Death and Bereavement*, along with new supports under its Dying Well at Home programme. The initiative aims to assist people with life-limiting illness, their families, and carers in managing end-of-life care at home. Two new free resources were introduced: an eLearning programme for carers and an information guide, *When Someone You Care About is Dying at Home – What to Expect*. These complement IHF's existing freephone Information and Support Line, offering practical guidance and emotional support for those navigating end-of-life care.

Further Information

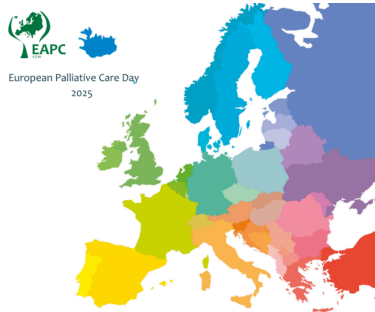
Pharmacist-led deprescribing interventions for cancer patients in a specialist palliative care setting

A recent study explores the use of potentially inappropriate medications (PIMs) among adult cancer patients in palliative care. It looks at how often physicians follow pharmacists' deprescribing recommendations and examines the associated cost outcomes. In palliative care, the focus shifts to maximising comfort and quality of life. As illness progresses, some medications may become unnecessary or misaligned with these goals. Despite evidence supporting the reduction or discontinuation of non-symptom-focused or preventative drugs, many patients continue to receive them near the end of life. This research offers important insights for those working in palliative care, pharmacy, or oncology.

[Read More Here](#)

Join Visiting Professor Nicolas Hart on Thursday, May 22nd, from 1–2PM at the Durkan Lecture Theatre, Trinity Centre for Health Sciences, St James's Hospital, for a lecture on Survivorship Care of People Affected by Advanced or Metastatic Cancer. Prof. Hart will present research that informed international standards for survivorship care. In-person registration is required, and the session will also be available via Zoom (no registration needed).

[Register Here](#)



European Palliative Care Day 2025

European Palliative Care Day 2025 takes place on 29 May with the theme “Equitable, Accessible Palliative Care for All.” This is a key opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for high-quality palliative care for everyone, regardless of diagnosis, age, or background. National Associations play a vital role in driving local engagement and uniting efforts across Europe.

Kaleidoscope Conference 2025



The 17th Kaleidoscope Conference, hosted by St. Francis Hospice Dublin, will take place on 16th & 17th May 2025. This hybrid event will be held in-person at the Convention Centre Dublin and also available virtually.

Further Information

Webinar: Delirium in Specialist Palliative Care

Join Dr. Regina McQuillan, Consultant in Palliative Medicine at St. Francis Hospice, for a webinar on *Delirium in Specialist Palliative Care* on 25 June from 11:00am to 12:30pm.

[Register Here](#)



Dates for your Diary.

16th & 17th May 2025: The 17th Kaleidoscope Conference, hosted by St. Francis Hospice Dublin. Download speaker line up [Link](#).

29 – 31 May: in person, 19th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care, Helsinki, for further information, visit [link](#).

29th May: European Palliative Care Day

6 June, in-person, LGBT IRELAND 2025 PRIDE HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE, RCSI, Dublin.
For more information and to register, visit: [link](#).

10th June: IAPC in collaboration with Marie Cooper Virtual Workshop

25th June: Webinar, Delirium in Specialist Palliative Care



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