



Call for Papers

Special edition on the Economics of Palliative and End of Life Care

This proposal for a special edition of *Palliative Medicine* aims to address the many economic facets of providing and funding palliative and end of life care. Economic analysis in health and social care focuses on issues relating to the allocation of scarce resources between competing alternatives. It covers topics such as planning and funding of services, priority setting, costs and outcomes, supply and demand, economic evaluation and broader health system analysis. Economic analysis can thus be of great value in improving patient and family outcomes within funding constraints, increasing the efficiency with which care is provided and understanding the equity implications of alternative forms of provision. As demands on health and social care systems continue to rise, economic analysis is increasingly important. There is, however, limited evidence about the efficiency and equity of palliative and end of life care, and the area has been neglected relative to many other areas of health care provision.

Our aim is to publish rigorous empirical original research, reviews, research methodologies or theoretical works. We are seeking interdisciplinary contributions with an economic focus from across health and social care that will appeal to an international audience of clinicians, researchers, managers, educators and policy makers. Potential topics include (but are not limited to) conceptual and practical issues related to:

- Relevant economic outcomes for evaluation of palliative and end of life interventions
- Assessments of the value of palliative and end of life care, including development of value sets for palliative and end of life care from the perspectives of society, and patients and families
- Costs of palliative and end of life care from different perspectives including the patient and family, individual providers, the health and social care system and society more generally
- Current and future demand for palliative and end of life care
- Current and future supply of palliative and end of life care
- Micro-economic appraisal /economic evaluation of specific interventions in palliative and end of life care
- Comparisons of costs and outcomes for specialist palliative care versus generalist/primary palliative care
- Health system/market analysis for palliative and end of life care
- Planning, budgeting and funding mechanisms for palliative and end of life care, including methods for priority setting and decision making

- International comparisons of funding models of palliative and end of life care, using appropriate economic metrics
- Methodological challenges that are unique or particularly relevant for economic research on palliative and end of life care

We encourage both positive and normative economic analysis, and normative analysis conducted within either welfarist or extra-welfarist (both narrow and broad) frameworks.

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