



**The French national platform for end-of-life research's mission is to promote, develop and coordinate research activities in the fields of end-of-life and palliative care.**

Research is key for producing knowledge and reflexively assessing our actions. It contributes to improving patient care and fosters the acculturation to end-of-life issues among health care professionals and within the society at large.

The French national platform for end-of-life research provides support for interdisciplinary studies. We promote collaborative approaches and methodological innovations that serve both clinicians and researchers while taking into account the complexity of end-of-life care and the vulnerability of patients.



# OUR CORE OBJECTIVES

The aims of the French national platform for end-of-life research are to:

- Provide a network to bring together a variety of people involved in end-of-life research
- Create opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships between researchers and clinicians from various disciplines at the regional, national and international levels
- Promote the recognition of end-of-life research by learned societies, academic institutions and decision makers
- Establish a scientific research strategy that takes into account the specificities of palliative medicine and end-of-life care
- Provide robust evidence to enrich the public debate

We play an essential role in the following 3 areas:

## **1/ COORDINATE RESEARCHERS INVOLVED IN END-OF-LIFE CARE RESEARCH IN FRANCE**

- Identify researchers, research themes, methods, projects, needs and strategies for effective communications and marketing
- Facilitate collaborations between nurses, physicians, social workers, local stakeholders and researchers at the regional, national and international levels
- Foster capacity building through the mentorship of young researchers

## **2/ SUPPORT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING**

- Facilitate access to research training
- Enhance the scientific quality of research projects and provide expertise throughout the research process
- Create tools to track articles, project funding and scientific meetings of interest

## **3/ STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION ON END-OF-LIFE CARE RESEARCH**

- To disseminate the findings from palliative and end-of-life care research project within the scientific community and the general population
- To promote relevant funding programs and open calls for proposal, and support research teams throughout the application process
- To facilitate peer-reviewed publications in international journals and increase the participation of French researchers in national and international conferences

# OUR ACTIONS

## >> CREATING A NATIONAL REPOSITORY

- A directory of researchers involved to facilitate partnerships
- An inventory of their research projects

## >> PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR

- A participative digital platform so clinicians and scientists can request collaborations online and apply for jobs and internships
- A scientific watch to keep researchers informed of scientific events, project calls and training

## >> ORGANIZING CONFERENCES AND TRAINING SESSIONS

- “Les Universités de la Recherche” is an annual gathering that aims to highlight ongoing research and reflect on epistemology and methodology
- Regional meetings to reinforce local interdisciplinary collaborations, support emerging projects and encourage research publication for the general population
- Training sessions on methodology with a focus on peer-to-peer learning, design, scientific writing and methodological approaches

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