



International Palliative Care Family-carer Research Collaboration

# Newsletter

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## Featured Member



### Prof Deborah Parker- IPCFRC Advocate

*Professor Deborah Parker is the Director of the Centre for Applied Nursing Research, a joint collaboration between South Western Sydney Local Health District, the Ingham Medical Research Institute and Western Sydney University, Australia. Deborah is also the Director of the New South Wales Centre for Evidence Based Care, a Joanna Briggs Collaborating Centre.*

Deborah has three main area of research - palliative care for older people, dementia and health service evaluation. She has received over \$24 million in research funding. This research incorporates her clinical background as a registered nurse with extensive research training and experience in aged care and palliative care.

Deborah has a particular interest in family carers within the context of aged care settings and for those caring for someone with dementia. She developed the Palliative Approach Toolkit which provides guidance and resources for staff in long term care to conduct palliative care case conferences with residents and family members.

As an IPCFRC Advocate, Deborah's role is to promote IPCFRC in her region and make recommendations to the IPCFRC Executive Committee.

## Call for Papers: Special Issue on Psychology and End of Life

The Editors of this special edition of *Australian Psychologist* are calling for original research articles and review articles on the broad theme of psychology and the end of life. End-of-life research and practice is multidisciplinary and could benefit from a stronger psychological perspective. The aims of this special issue are to increase literature and stimulate discourse in psychological approaches to end of life. The target date for publication of this Special Issue is mid-2017. The closing date for submission of abstracts to be considered for this Special Issue is 1 December 2015. Authors of successful proposals will be required to submit a full manuscript by the 30 April 2016. Please click [\[here\]](#) for further details.

## Online Forum

The IPCFRC online forum provides a web based communication system for IPCFRC members. It is a resource that aims to foster discussion about family caregiver research in palliative care across the IPCFRC membership database. IPCFRC members can use the forum to ask questions to the IPCFRC community, establish networks, discuss their research, enquire about previous research or existing instruments, or to notify others in the membership about upcoming events and grant opportunities that are of relevance to family caregiver research in palliative care. The focus of the content of the correspondence should always be relevant to family caregiver research in palliative care.

The way the forum operates is as follows:

- To post a message, click the 'Post to the Forum' link on the [IPCFRC website] or type the following email address into a new email: [ipcfrc@medstv.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ipcfrc@medstv.unimelb.edu.au)
- When you post to the forum, your message is sent directly to all IPCFRC members. Everyone who receives an email has the opportunity to reply to the group by pressing the 'reply' button. You can unsubscribe from this list at any time by pressing the 'unsubscribe' button at the bottom of each post.

When you post to this forum, always remember to adhere to the following:

- Write only public (never private) messages. Lists are a public forum; personal comments should be sent directly to the person, not the entire list.
- Stick to the purpose of the list; the more topic-specific the contributions are, the more useful the list is for everyone.
- Make the subject line descriptive of your topic.
- Sign your posting by listing your contact information or auto-signature.
- When you are replying to a list message please be aware that this list is set up to automatically reply-all. If your reply is not of interest to everyone on the list, change the address to the person to whom your reply is directed.
- Be mindful of what you write; never write anything you would not say to someone directly. Never use the Forum for personal attacks or profanity.
- Avoid using humour or making political or religious comments.
- Do not send chain letters, spam, flames, or solicitations.
- Avoid posting attachments.

To report errors, please contact [centreforallcare@svhm.org.au](mailto:centreforallcare@svhm.org.au) with the subject 'IPCFRC Online Forum Error'.

## Recent articles relevant to IPCFRC members

In each edition we will feature some recently published articles relevant to IPCFRC members.

If you have published in a peer reviewed journal recently and the subject matter is relevant to the IPCFRC community, please email [centreforallcare@svhm.org.au](mailto:centreforallcare@svhm.org.au) with the subject 'IPCFRC Newsletter' and we will feature your publication in an upcoming edition.

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## Review of literature related to family carer research

One of the initiatives of the IPCFRC is to compile a listing of publications related to family caregiver research in palliative care. This list is reviewed and updated annually, and serves as a basic resource to aid those who are looking for publications related to family caregiver research in palliative care. It is available as a downloadable resource on the [IPCFRC website].

## Upcoming IPCFRC Event

An open meeting for current and prospective IPCFRC members will be held in June 2016 at the [9<sup>th</sup> World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care] in Dublin, Ireland.

Further information on the session will be available on the [EAPC website].

Open meetings provide the opportunity for members and prospective members to hear about what is happening in the IPCFRC community and what IPCFRC has to offer, as well as meet the IPCFRC Executive Committee and their fellow IPCFRC members.

## Membership

The IPCFRC now has approximately 200 registered members from many countries of the world, including; Australia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, UK & USA.

Individuals from all continents with a genuine interest in palliative care research related to family carers may become individual members of the IPCFRC. Membership is free. To formalise your membership please complete the [online form] on the IPCFRC website.

## Update your details!

We are now collecting information on member research interests and expertise.

[Update your details now]

## Conferences relevant to IPCFRC members

23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference of the Indian Association of Palliative Care

Dates: February 12-14, 2016

Location: Pune, India

Website: [23<sup>rd</sup> International IAPC Conference]

Rediscovering Holism: the future for Palliative Care - The 11<sup>th</sup> Palliative Care Congress

Dates: March 9-11, 2016

Location: Glasgow, UK

Website: [11<sup>th</sup> Palliative Care Congress]

9<sup>th</sup> World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC)

Dates: June 9-11, 2016

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Website: [9<sup>th</sup> World Research Congress of EAPC]

Australian Pain Society 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: March 13-16, 2016

Location: Perth, WA

Website: [36<sup>th</sup> APS Annual Scientific Meeting]

2016 Australian Grief and Bereavement Conference

Dates: May 11-13, 2016

Location: Sydney, Australia

Website: [2016 Australian Grief and Bereavement Conference]

2016 Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: June 1-3, 2016

Location: Cairns, QLD

Website: [2016 ANZSGM Annual Scientific Meeting]

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