

Call for Papers

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We are delighted to announce a call for papers on palliative care for *Public Health*.

Palliative care is a global public health issue, affecting all societies and communities. Yet, in contrast to the start of life, it has been relatively neglected in public health research, practice and policy. Often the disciplines of public health and palliative care operate separately and improvements in palliative care are predominantly studied from a health services approach. To counter this gap, we are calling for papers on public health research in palliative care for a special issue.

Public Health is an international, multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal. It publishes original research papers, reviews and short reports on all aspects of the science, philosophy, and practice of public health. It is aimed at all public health practitioners and researchers and those who manage and deliver public health services and systems. It is also of interest to anyone involved in provision of public health programmes, the care of populations or communities and those who contribute to public health systems in any way.

Original research papers, reviews or short reports should deal with public health aspects of palliative, end-of-life and/or hospice care. These include (but are not exclusive to) the following areas:

- Public health research in palliative care, including new public health approaches (e.g. compassionate communities or compassionate cities) and methodologies in palliative care;
- Palliative care, end-of-life care or hospice service effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, evaluation, management and/or re-design;
- Economic modelling of the impact of effectiveness or cost-effectiveness of palliative care services;
- Palliative care practice and impact on public health;
- Applied epidemiology in palliative care, including use of big data to assess effectiveness or cost effectiveness;
- Need or impact assessments of palliative care, including future projected needs for palliative care, locally, nationally or internationally;
- Inequities in access to palliative care and/or evaluation of interventions to lesson these;
- Contribution of palliative care to health promotion and disease prevention;
- Evaluation of regional, national or international programmes or interventions in palliative care that are relevant to public health;
- Palliative or end-of-life care policy and comparisons, relevant to public health;
- Impact of variations in reimbursement systems for palliative or hospice care or related treatments;
- Outcome and quality measurement and improvement in palliative care, relevant to public health;
- Global palliative care relevant to public health;
- Evidence of effectiveness of collaborations between palliative care and public health; and
- Capacity in palliative care health and social care systems and workforce.

Our aim is to publish rigorous original research, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, short reports and methodologies addressing public health issues and research in the context of

palliative or end-of-life care. We seek high-quality contributions from across health and social sciences that will appeal to an international audience of public health practitioners and researchers, those who manage and deliver public health services and systems, educators, policy makers, and those developing, delivering and researching palliative care and hospice services. Articles reporting original research questions that generate new and impactful knowledge of public health or societal relevance will be prioritised.

Authors should submit an electronic copy of their complete manuscript through <https://ees.elsevier.com/puhe/> and select the 'SI: Palliative Care' article type.

Before submission authors should carefully read the journal's Author Guidelines: <https://www.elsevier.com/journals/public-health/0033-3506/guide-for-authors>

Deadline for submissions is 31 July 2020.

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