PAL-LIFE Webinar Series: Second Webinar on Good Practices in Palliative Care

Taking place on November 13, the second event in the three-part international webinar series will explore the role of spiritual and religious care as a core component of whole-person care, bringing together experts and professionals from different countries



On Friday, November 13, 2026, the second webinar in the international PAL-LIFE series on Good Practices in Palliative Care: Spiritual and Religious Care as a Core Component of Whole-Person Care will take place. Entitled Good Practices in Spiritual and Religious Care within Whole-Person Care, the webinar will explore the importance of spiritual and religious care in addressing the needs of the whole person.

The online event will run from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm (CET) and will bring together experts and healthcare professionals from different countries.

The webinar will open with an introduction by Msgr. Renzo Pegoraro, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life. The session will be chaired by

Eve Namisango (APCA) and Isabel Galrica Neto (Hospital da Luz Lisboa, Portugal).
The programme will begin with a presentation by Eckhard Frick, Professor of Anthropological Psychology at the Munich School of Philosophy, Germany, on Transforming the biopsychosocial model into a bio-psycho-social-spiritual model.
This will be followed by a session on building competence in spiritual and religious care, featuring Anne Vanderhoeck (KU Leuven, Belgium), who will address the role of specialist spiritual care in secularized contexts, and Katherine Pettus (International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care – IAHPC), who will present the Interfaith Advocacy Network.
The second part of the webinar will focus on emerging perspectives and challenges in spiritual care. Topics will include recognizing and responding to spiritual needs in paediatric palliative care, presented by Daniel Nuzum (Cork University Hospital, Cork, Ireland); addressing the spiritual care needs of caregivers and families, with Tullio Proserpio (National Cancer Institute, Milan, Italy); and caring for those who care, exploring spirituality and self-care among palliative care professionals, with Carlos Centeno (University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain).
The programme will conclude with a Lectio Magistralis by Eduardo Bruera (University of Houston, Texas, USA), entitled Patients Want to Talk About God and Faith with Their Healthcare Professionals: Are We Ready to Listen?. A discussion and concluding session will follow.
Participation is free of charge, upon registration.

To take part in the webinar, please register using the following link:

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