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 comparing the effectiveness of palliative care for older people in long-term care facilities in Europe

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PACE



PACE is the acronym of a Collaborative research project financed by the European Commission (7th Framework Programme, Health 2013 Innovation, and Grant Agreement No: 603111). The full project name is: comparing the effectiveness of palliative care for older people in long-term care facilities in Europe. It started on February 1, 2014 and will run for five years. The PACE project is built on a consortium of 12 partners, consisting of 8 research institutes, spanning 6 European countries, and 4 European organizations responsible for impact and dissemination.

WHY



Societies in the EU are ageing, leading to the need not only to improve health by prevention but also to improve quality of life and enabling people to live and die well. Whilst many countries aim to enable people to live in their own homes, many older people will require long-term institutional care at the end of life. Governments are struggling to provide high-quality long-term care for people with chronic advanced diseases and reduced functional and/or cognitive capacities in long-term care facilities. While a growing number of older people would benefit from a palliative care approach in long-term care facilities, palliative care has only recently begun to be developed in these settings.

AIM



The overall aim of the PACE project is to develop tools to assist practitioners and policy- and decision-makers to make evidence-based decisions regarding best palliative care practices in long-term care facilities in Europe. PACE will help to achieve the objectives of the European 2020 Strategy, specifically the European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing. Ultimately this will lead to optimizing the delivery of palliative care to the large proportion of EU citizens living and dying in old age.

CORE ACTIVITIES



- Mapping palliative care systems in long-term care facilities in Europe
- Study I: Comparing the effectiveness of palliative care in long-term care facilities
- Intervention to integrate palliative care in long-term care facilities
- Study II: Cluster controlled trial to study the impact of a palliative care intervention
- Impact and dissemination towards policy and practice