

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

GPIC joins our partner, Msunduzi Hospice Association, in mourning the death of their team member, Vijaya Chetty.

Vijaya had worked with Msunduzi Hospice, located in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, since 2008. In a memorial message, the organization lauded her dedication and passion for hospice and palliative care and appreciated her competent and inspirational management and leadership.

We at Global Partners in Care had a wonderful relationship with Vijaya and sincerely appreciated working with her. She had been a caring and consistent partner in communication with us and with U.S. partner, VITAS of San Diego, for many years. It was a true pleasure to work with Vijaya and she will be very much missed by her partners in the U.S. We send our heartfelt condolences to Msunduzi Hospice and to Vijaya's family.



"Leave no one behind – equity in access to palliative care"

To mark World Hospice and Palliative Care Day (WHPCD) 2021, people around the world will come together on October 9 to celebrate, support, and speak up about the importance of equity in access to hospice and palliative care. This year's WHPCD theme is 'Leave no one behind – equity in access to palliative care'.

What makes this day so important?

According to the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), "88% of the worldwide need for palliative care is not being met, meaning millions of children and adults are being left behind and equity in access is a human right." Especially as the world is still responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, palliative care has become even more vital to relieving the physical pain and emotional suffering related to disease. No one should be left behind.



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
EQUITY IN ACCESS TO PALLIATIVE CARE
World Hospice & Palliative Care Day
9 OCTOBER 2021
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Dr. Stephen Connor, executive director of the WHPCA and a GPIC Advisory Council Member, further explains why we need World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.

"Palliative care is not part of universal health coverage in many countries across the world, and for years palliative care has not been adequately funded by governments... On World Hospice and Palliative Care Day, we pledge to bring attention to this need and urge governments to fund palliative care in their country."

Many organizations join in this mission, showing why palliative care should be included within countries' plans and budgets. They do this by shining a light on communities especially affected by palliative care inequity across the globe, in the hope that governments will recognize the importance of financing palliative care for all.



The goal this year is to highlight overlooked sections of the global community who are less likely to have access to palliative care. As these populations speak out and share their compelling stories, we must help to ensure their voices will be heard. These voices include those in low- and middle-income countries, people experiencing homelessness, children, those living with a physical or mental impairment, those who are incarcerated, those living in humanitarian crisis situations, frail older people, those living with HIV and/or TB, LGBTQ+ people and all those who have contracted COVID-19. We must ensure all people in need have access to palliative care no matter where they live.

At GPIC, we thank all those across the world who are holding events to mark this special day. As we celebrate WHPCD 2021, we promise to "Leave no one behind" by sharing stories from our partners to raise awareness and continue in our mission to enhance access to palliative care where the need is great. We hope you do too.



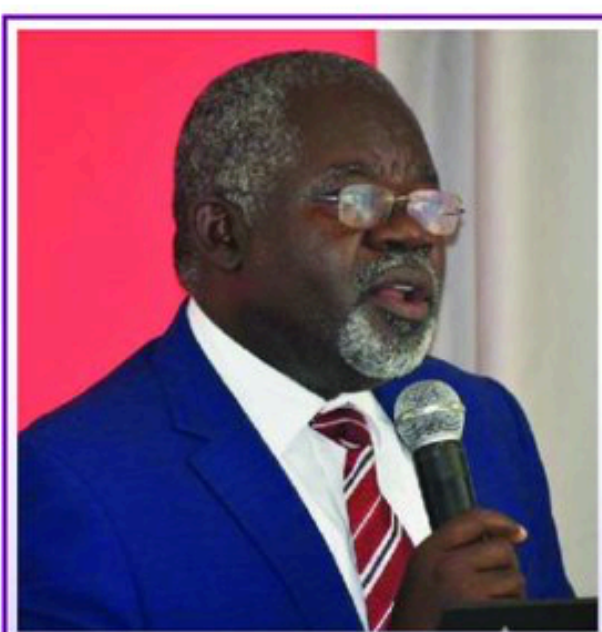
Find out more about World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2021, and access resources to support your celebration of the day here:

<http://www.thewhpcas.org/world-hospice-and-palliative-care-day>.

Join APCA for a COVID-19 update webinar on 18 August "Community Engagement in COVID-19 Vaccination and Other Vaccination Experiences"



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN COVID-19 VACCINATION AND OTHER VACCINATION EXPERIENCES



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Wednesday
18th Aug. 2021

3:00PM EAT /
12:00 Midday GMT

Webinar ID:
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"Jackie's high level and wide breadth of clinical expertise and her passion for her work are surpassed only by her huge caring heart. She deftly assesses patient/family needs."



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3rd Uganda Conference on Cancer and Palliative Care September 23-24, 2021

"Cancer and Palliative Care During COVID-19 and Other Challenging Situations" will be held virtually next month. There is still time to register – please visit:
<https://conference.ucl.or.ug/>

Advisory Council Member Highlight:



Liz Gwyther, MD
Emeritus Associate Professor of Palliative Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town

Liz Gwyther is an emeritus associate professor at the University of Cape Town (UCT) where she established the Division of Interdisciplinary Palliative Care and Medicine within the School of Public Health and Family Medicine.

[Read Liz's full profile](#)

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