

# Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

## Global Partners in Care and Elea Institute Unite to Advance Global Palliative Care

Global Partners in Care (GPIC) and Elea Institute are pleased to announce an exciting collaboration to enhance access to hospice and palliative care worldwide. This collaboration will address challenges in global palliative care by fostering innovative, sustainable solutions through knowledge exchange, resource sharing and strategic collaboration. It comes at a critical time as global funding for palliative care continues to decline, while the need for these services grows.



By bringing together key global stakeholders and grassroots partners, GPIC and Elea Institute will engage a broad network to co-create a roadmap for collective global action. Through in-person meetings, stakeholder engagement and the launch of collaborative catalyst projects, this initiative aims to reduce redundancy, optimize resources and amplify the global palliative care community's voice. A key focus will be capturing lessons and insights from partners in low-resource settings, reinforcing bi-directional knowledge sharing and solution development.

Central to this initiative is the commitment to co-creating the next phases of this work with input from partners and stakeholders. With inclusivity in mind, the steps and activities will be developed collaboratively. This approach ensures well-informed strategies that incorporate diverse perspectives and are tailored to address the unique challenges and needs of the global palliative care community.

This collective approach aims to produce unified action and enhance the capabilities of each organization involved. It will also raise awareness of the urgent need for improved palliative care services globally. Strengthening international collaboration will create a more cohesive global movement and reinvigorate stakeholder engagement and shared learning.

The need for palliative care services continues to grow worldwide. We envision a collaborative, cohesive and impactful global palliative care community that drives positive change. This will benefit patients, families and communities.

Please contact us if you would like to join the conversation! [Read the press release here.](#)

### Stephanie Johnston Joins GPIC Advisory Council

We are excited to announce that Stephanie Johnston, President and CEO of Transcend Strategy Group, has joined our Advisory Council. She brings a wealth of experience in supporting care-at-home providers in the US to maximize growth and provide high-quality care at home. In addition, Johnston writes and speaks extensively on strategic planning, innovation, marketing, continuous improvement and talent development.

**“Stephanie’s extensive knowledge, rich experience, and unique perspective will be a valuable addition to our Global Partners in Care Advisory Council. We are delighted to welcome Stephanie to the Council and look forward to working with her.”**

- John Mastrojohn III,  
President and CEO, Global Partners in Care



[Read more about Stephanie here.](#)

## Join Us at the 8th International African Palliative Care & Allied Services Conference

The African Palliative Care Association (APCA) will host the 8th International African Palliative Care & Allied Services Conference from **23-26 September 2025 in Gaborone, Botswana**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather a global community to discuss challenges and growth, learn from one another and collaborate on future work in palliative care.



Abstracts are being accepted in the following categories:

- Innovations and Technology:** Creative care models, AI in diagnostics and solutions improving medicine access and integrated care systems.
- Education, Leadership and Advocacy:** Skill-building programs, leadership development and advocacy to embed palliative care in health systems and education.
- Pediatric and Adolescent Care:** Addressing the unique needs of children, adolescents and their families, emphasizing transitions and family-centered care.
- Holistic Approaches:** Spiritual, emotional and psychosocial care, including cultural sensitivity, caregiver support and bereavement care.
- Ethical, Legal and Policy Dimensions:** Ethics, laws, financing and policies to ensure equitable access to care and medications.
- Palliative Care in Crisis:** Responses to pandemics, climate change and conflicts, focusing on resilience and system strengthening.
- Research and Evidence:** Evidence-based research to improve person-centered care and enhance patient quality of life.

The deadline for abstract submission is **30 March**. You are welcome to submit abstracts for oral presentations, poster presentations and workshops.

This conference is a fantastic opportunity to share your organization's work, research, policy advances and local and global collaborations. **We hope to see you there!** [Read more here.](#)

### GPIC-APCA Scholarship Fund Supports Palliative Care Training

APCA recently published a story in ehospice about our collaborative scholarship program which supports training the next generation of palliative care providers in Africa. The 2023-24 cohort included 11 scholarships awarded to nine nurses and two social workers for training levels including certificate, diploma, post-graduate diploma, bachelor's and master's degrees. Students are studying at the Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care at Hospice Africa Uganda, Nairobi Hospice in Kenya, University of Cape Town in South Africa and Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi.

*“Currently, at our institution, I am the only palliative care provider who attained advanced training in palliative care, so I am able to mentor some of my colleagues in important skills such as breaking bad news, pain assessment, morphine prescription, etc. so that we improve quality of the service and reduce suffering at the facility.”*  
- Louis, nurse from Malawi

Read more on ehospice: [Health Workforce: Palliative Care Scholarship Fund contributing to Sustainable Development Goals.](#)

### Submit an Abstract to the South African Palliative Care Conference

The South African Palliative Care Conference has extended the call for abstracts to **28 February**. Submit your abstract in one of three categories: Revolution, Evolution or Solution. [Click here to learn more.](#)



### APCA Photo Contest Winners Announced

As a commemorative activity for their 20th Anniversary, APCA supported a photo contest with entries from across the continent that encompassed the essence of palliative care.

Congratulations to Hospice Africa Uganda on winning the contest! View all submissions [here](#).



First Place: Alex and Bernadette, IHPCA – Hospice Africa Uganda

### Join the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Nigeria's Quarterly Webinar

Join the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Nigeria's upcoming webinar on 30 March 2025 at 5 PM WAST / 2 PM EST. [Register here.](#)



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## Support Global Collaboration to Expand Access to Palliative Care

Global Partners in Care (GPIC) collaborates closely with international organizations across the world to bring palliative care services to the nearly 60 million people in need of them. By supporting our work, you further enhance our ability to engage stakeholders and develop strategic projects that build capacity in palliative care in low-resource settings across the globe.



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