

Focus on Compassion

Enhancing Access to Palliative Care Worldwide

Collaborating Across Regions: GPIC at ALCP 2026 Sao Paulo, Brazil

On March 10-14th, Global Partners in Care (GPIC) participated in the **XII Latin American Association for Palliative Care (ALCP) Congress**, hosted alongside the **XI Academia Nacional de Cuidados Paliativos (ANCP) Congress** in São Paulo. The event gathered clinicians, researchers, policymakers, educators and advocates from across Latin America and the global palliative care community to learn, exchange knowledge and collaborate. GPIC's engagement throughout the week reflected our ongoing commitment to strengthening regional and cross-regional connections while amplifying innovative work already underway.



Leaders from Brazil, ALCP, GPIC, WHPCA and Two Worlds Cancer held a discussion on leadership and the future of palliative care.

Learning, Leadership and Exchange

As part of the congress program, GPIC participated in a panel on global leadership in palliative care and visited the Instituto Perdigões do Hospital das Clínicas (IPer-HC FMUSP). These engagements highlighted the depth of clinical, academic and advocacy leadership in Brazil and reinforced the value of creating spaces where regional experience and global perspectives can be shared.

We look forward to continuing our current relationships, as well as expanding partnerships across Latin America to create more connected, inclusive and impactful future for palliative care worldwide. [Read the full story here.](#)

Recognizing Innovation in Communication First ever communications contest at ALCP

A key GPIC engagement at the congress was supporting a communications contest in partnership with ALCP and ANCP. The initiative was designed to recognize creative and innovative approaches to communicating about palliative care across the region, with the theme of "reducing preventable suffering." The goal is to award the most creative and impactful concept with a cash prize to help the winner implement the campaign.



Congratulations to **Descoisando**, winner of the **ALCP Palliative Care Communication Campaign Contest**. Their campaign, "I'm Dying ... Waitt," stood out for its powerful use of art, dialogue and education to deepen public understanding of palliative care, autonomy and the reduction of avoidable suffering.

A moving and original project, the campaign reminds us that "art touches hearts, so informing through feeling is our goal." It challenges us to see care differently – with dignity, autonomy and humanity at the center. This is a campaign that uses art not only to inform, but to transform. It teaches all individuals the "art of living while the heart still beats."

Congratulations on this powerful and deeply deserving work!

[Read the full acceptance speech from Descoisando here.](#)

Sharing Lessons in Leadership Across Regions

[The Foundation for Palliative Care Education \(PACED\)](#) hosted the second webinar in a series on palliative care associations featuring Mark-Donald Mwesiga, executive director of the Palliative Care Association of Uganda (PCAU). In this session, Mwesiga shared how strong professional communities can drive systemic change even in low-resource settings, offering valuable lessons for colleagues building associations in their own regions. The session sparked strong interest, bringing together 30 participants from 20 countries and generating thoughtful discussion on sustainable models for developing national associations. [Click here to watch the webinar.](#)

Upcoming Palliative Care Events

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION for Hospice & Palliative Care**

Free Webinar April 9, 2026, 4pm UTC, 10am EST

"Faith in Palliative Care" Part 2
Celebrating World Health Day with UHC

Join our interactive discussion about how to bridge faith, palliative care and communities to relieve serious health related suffering.



Registration: <https://iahpc.org/chv/>

National Partnership for Hospice and Healthcare Innovation (NPHI) Summit
27-30 April 2026
<https://summit.nphihealth.org/>

European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC) 20th World Congress
14-16 May 2026
eapcnet.eu/congress/2026/

7th KEHPCA National Palliative Care Conference, February 2026

The 7th National Palliative Care Conference 2026 convened over 330 delegates from Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and the United States. Co-hosted by the Kenya Ministry of Health (MoH) – through the Healthy Ageing, Palliative Care and Older Persons Division – and the Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA), the conference served as a transformative platform for advancing inclusive and compassionate palliative care in Kenya and the wider region.



A key highlight of the conference was the Launch of the National Palliative Care Guidelines (2025 Edition): a landmark policy document providing a standardized technical roadmap for palliative care quality across Kenya. The guidelines operationalize the hub-and-spoke model – decentralizing care from referral hospitals to primary healthcare levels – and incorporate dimensions previously underrepresented in clinical practice, including pediatric palliative care, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, legal frameworks, and rehabilitation, among others.

[Read more about the conference here.](#)



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Thanks to our partners and supporters like you, the past year saw exciting growth for GPIC. We've expanded our global collaborations, deepened our impact with partners and communities around the globe, and strengthened our support for the dedicated professionals who provide care to those facing serious illness and loss. We are energized by the opportunities before us!



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