

GLOBAL LAUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Alleviating the access abyss in palliative care and pain relief - an imperative of universal health coverage: the *Lancet* Commission report

Miami, FL | University of Miami, Coral Gables Campus | April 5-6, 2018

University of Miami, The Braman Miller Center, 1100 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33146

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVES

- Convene experts across various disciplines including global health, health systems and palliative care to disseminate and discuss the evidence base and findings of the seminal report of the Lancet Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief.
- Review and catalyze the research and implementation agenda resulting from the recommendations of the Commission's report.
- Identify opportunities and future directions for regional and global collective action to achieve universal access to palliative care.
- Strengthen the work of the Commission's Implementation Group and help develop concrete next steps for action.
- Contribute to building a platform for knowledge-exchange on lessons for scale-up and integration of palliative care into universal health coverage efforts.
- Through the Implementation Workshops that will take place on April 6th in the afternoon, contribute to national planning and develop specific projects.

Thursday, April 5, 2018

7:30 – 8:00 am *Refreshments and Registrations*

Note: all Q&A will be done online and questions and comments will be posted as they come in

8:00 – 8:45 am **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

Welcome:

Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, Lancet Commissioner

Ed Abraham, Dean of the Miller School of Medicine, CEO of UHealth

Patient Voices Video

Video Message from WHO Director General:

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization

Special opening performance by the Frost School of Music

8:45 – 9:05 am **Opening Address**

Richard Horton, Editor in Chief, The Lancet

9:05 – 10:00 am **Key Findings and Overview of The Lancet Commission Report:
The Access Abyss in Palliative Care and Pain Relief – Burden and Response**

Moderator: *Richard Horton, Editor in Chief, The Lancet*

Presenter: *Felicia Knaul, Director, UM Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas,
Chair of the Lancet Commission*

Commentators:

Rifat Atun, Professor of Global Health Systems, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Lancet Commissioner

Kathy Foley, Weil Cornell Medical College, Lancet Commissioner

10:00 – 10:20 am *Coffee Break*

National planning and implementation

10:20 – 11:40 am

Strengthening National Health Systems for Integration of Palliative Care into Universal Health Coverage

Chair: *Sharmila Mhatre*, Deputy Director, Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations (TBC)

Speakers:

Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, Former Minister of Health of Mexico, Lancet Commissioner

Rifat Atun, Professor, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Lancet Commissioner

Panel led by Rifat Atun:

Julio Frenk, President of the University of Miami, Former Minister of Health of Mexico, Lancet Commissioner

Rüdiger Krech, Director, Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems, World Health Organization

Silvana Luciani, Advisor, cancer prevention and control, Pan American Health Organization

Sharmila Mhatre, Deputy Director, Public Health Program, Open Society Foundations

Rocio Saenz, Former Minister of Health of Costa Rica and former Executive President, Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, Lancet Commissioner

11:45 – 1:00 pm

Catalyzing Change: Lessons Learned from Human Rights Watch country studies

Moderator: *Pascal Goldschmidt*, Lancet Commissioner

Speaker: *Diederik Lohman*, Director, Health and Human Rights Division, Human Rights Watch, Lancet Commissioner

Panel led by Diederik Lohman:

Zipporah Ali, Executive Director, Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association

(Kenya)

Sushma Bhatnagar, Professor and Head of Anesthesiology, Pain and Palliative Care, Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital, President of the Indian Association for Palliative Care

Alejandro Mohar, Director Adjunto del Programa de Prevención y Control de Cáncer, Instituto Nacional de Cancerología, México

Viktoriya Tymoshevska, Public Health Program Initiative Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine

1:00 – 1:45 pm *Networking Lunch*

1:45 – 2:45 pm **Implementing Palliative Care in High-Income Countries: Lessons for Global Health**

Chair: *Andrew Gurman*, Immediate Past President, American Medical Association

Speakers:

Richard Harding, Herbert Dunhill Professor of Palliative Care & Rehabilitation, King's College London

John Mastrojohn, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Lukas Radbruch, Chair, IAHPIC and Chair of Palliative Medicine, University of Bonn, Lancet Commissioner

Michael Sherar, President and CEO, Cancer Care Ontario

Camilla Zimmermann, Rose Family Chair in Palliative Medicine and Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto, Canada, Lancet Study Group Member

Essential services: Operationalizing a package of palliative care and pain relief

2:45 – 4:00 pm

The Essential Package: DPC3, UHC, and Beyond

Chair: *Lisa Stevens*, Deputy Director of Planning & Operations, National Cancer Institute

Speakers:

Dean Jamison, Emeritus Professor of Global Health, University of Washington, Lancet Commissioner

Eric Krakauer, Director, International Programs, Harvard Medical School Center for Palliative Care, Lancet Commissioner

Commentators:

Mary Gospodarowicz, Medical Director, Cancer Program, Princess Margaret Hospital, Lancet Commissioner

Huda Abu-Saad Huijjer, Professor and Director, Hariri School of Nursing, American University of Beirut, Lancet Commissioner

Gilberto Lopes, Associate Director for Global Oncology, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

4:00-4:15 pm

Coffee Break

4:15 – 5:30 pm

Delivering Care to At-Risk Populations

Chair: *Faith Mwangi-Powell*, Global Director, The Girl Generation, Options UK and Strategic Advisor MWAPO Health Development Group

Speakers:

Julia Downing, Chief Executive, International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN), Lancet Study Group Member ([children](#))

Joan Marston, Co-Chair, Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations and Emergencies Network (PalCHASE) and the EAPC Taskforce for Refugees and Migrants ([complex humanitarian emergencies, e.g. current Rohingya crisis](#))

Judy Salerno, President, New York Academy of Medicine, Lancet
Commissioner (*aging and disability*)

Commentators:

Afsan Bhadelia, Research Associate, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public
Health, Lancet Study Group Member and Co-Chair of Scientific Advisory
Committee (*indigenous and transgender populations*)

Mychelle Farmer, Chair, NCD Child (*children with chronic illnesses*)

Christian Ntizimira, Rwanda Hospice and Palliative Organization, Lancet Study Group
Member (*post complex humanitarian emergencies, e.g. Rwanda post-genocide*)

5:30 – 5:45 pm

Summary of Day 1, Agenda for Day 2

5:45pm

Networking Reception at Conference Venue

Friday, April 6, 2018

7:45 – 8:15 am *Refreshments and Registrations*

Global and regional collective action

8:15 – 9:30 am **The Global Pain Crisis and the Opioid Epidemic**

Moderator: *Kathy Foley*, Lancet Commissioner

Speakers:

Jim Cleary, Director, Pain and Policy Studies Group, WHO Collaborating Center for Pain Policy and Palliative Care at the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center, Lancet Commissioner

Lukas Radbruch, Chair of Palliative Medicine, University of Bonn; Chair – Board of Directors, International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Lancet Commissioner

Hansel Tookes, Assistant Professor, Director, IDEA Exchange, University of Miami

Musical performance organized by IDEA Exchange

9:35 – 11:00 am **Global Health Policies: Establishing Multi-Institutional Mechanisms to Close the Access Abyss**

Chair: *Felicia Knaul*, Director, UM Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, Chair of the Lancet Commission

Panel:

Sir George Alleyne, Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization, Lancet Commissioner

Tim Evans, Senior Director of Health, Nutrition and Population, World Bank Group

Julio Frenk, President, University of Miami, Former Minister of Health of Mexico, Lancet Commissioner

Ambassador David Johnson, Member, International Narcotics Control Board

Rüdiger Krech, Director, Universal Health Coverage and Health Systems, World Health Organization

11:00 – 11:15 am *Coffee Break*

11:15 – 12:30 pm **The Role of Global and Regional Associations and Networks**

Moderator and presenter: *Liliana De Lima*, Executive Director, International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care, Lancet Commissioner

Panel:

Julia Downing, Chief Executive, International Children's Palliative Care Network, Lancet Study Group Member

Cynthia Goh, Chair, Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network, Lancet Commissioner

Emmanuel Luyirika, Executive Director, African Palliative Care Association, Lancet Study Group Member

Christoph Ostgathe, Professor of Palliative Medicine, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg; Vice President, European Association for Palliative Care

Tania Pastrana, Chair, Latin American Palliative Care Association and Member, Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance

Dingle Spence, Caribbean Palliative Care Association, Lancet Study Group Member

Future directions

12:30 – 1:00 am **A Call to Action: The Miami Declaration on Pain and Palliative Care**
Richard Horton and Felicia Knaul

1:00 – 1:15 pm **Closing Remarks**

******PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM ENDS******

1:30 – 5:30 pm **Country workshops (by invitation)**