

# NETworks

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## Knowledge Exchange: Contributing to Our Success

In the last several years, the NET has made great strides in reaching the deliverables set out by our funder, the CIHR. For example, we've collaborated in developing workshops, conferences, shared expertise and been successful in a number of grant applications to improve research capacity in cross cultural palliative and end of life care. In addition, the NET has also formed numerous partnerships with a diverse network of different institutions and researchers whose focus is in cross theme research such as pilot projects and other forms of multi-disciplinary research. Yet, our funding expires this June and as we reach the end of the grant, we want to ensure our deliverables are in order.

Transferring our research results quickly to key decision-makers and stakeholders in the palliative and end of life community is a critical priority for the NET in 2009. From our perspective, one of the best ways to meet that knowledge exchange deliverables is to target your projects already underway. Therefore, please let us know of your progress reaching the goals set out in your CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET research projects. In this way, we can work towards making sure your results reach the appropriate individuals so that the knowledge produced and the knowledge users we seek to engage can make informed decisions based on accurate evidence.

Your expertise and knowledge in your field of research will be an important asset in this process. To facilitate this work, we have provided you with a framework with which to guide your submissions. Please do your best to tailor your updates, based on the suggested guidelines so we can better understand your progress.

Objective	Expected Outcome	Outcome Measure/Indicator
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster cross theme research in palliative and end of life care with an emphasis on a multi disciplinary work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi disciplinary and/or cross theme research in palliative and end of life care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi disciplinary and cross theme nature of operating grant and subsequent publications</li> <li>• Awardees opinion on the effectiveness of the program to foster multi disciplinary and cross theme research</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a team environment that favours the development of excellent and innovative research projects that will advance our understanding of palliative and end of life care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased quality and productivity of award recipients in palliative and end of life care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of new teams and researchers in new teams</li> <li>• Applications to operating grants and success rate</li> <li>• Knowledge translation activities (publications, patents, colloquia).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train and establish new investigators capable of undertaking health service research relevant to understanding palliative and end of life care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased number of trainees in this area</li> <li>• Establishment of new investigators in palliative and end of life care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of trainees within the teams</li> <li>• New investigators that are integrated in the teams</li> </ul>

### Did You Know?

As Canada's population continues to age, many Canadian physicians will increasingly care for patients from cultural backgrounds other than their own. And while the language barrier is one of the main difficulties physicians have sought to overcome with respect to discussions on death and dying with their cross cultural patients, these discussions are made even more difficult because some terms such as "palliative care" don't always have adequate translations in different cultural and linguistic groups.

Dr. Andrea Con, Cross Cultural Considerations in Promoting Advance Care Planning in Canada, 2007.

## Upcoming Events: News you can use!

Centre for Health Services and Policy Research Annual Conference: "Health Innovation for Patients and Populations." 24-25 February 2009, Vancouver BC.  
<http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/hpc>

Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO): Survivorship: Transitions and Transformations. Vancouver, British Columbia. April 1-4th, 2008.  
[http://www.capo.ca/eng/CAPO\\_conference.asp](http://www.capo.ca/eng/CAPO_conference.asp)

Community Cancer Control 7th National Summit, "Innovative Solutions for Rural and Remote Cancer Control Issues: Today and Tomorrow." June 11-13th, 2009. Prince George BC.  
<http://www.cancersummit.ca/>

IPOS 11th World Congress of Psycho-Oncology (IPOS): Multi-disciplinary Perspectives in Psycho-oncology: Interaction and Integration. Vienna, Austria June 21 -25th, 2009.  
<http://www.ipos-society.org/ipos2009/>

Multi National Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC): International Symposium. June 25 - 27th, 2009 Rome, Italy.  
<http://www.mascc.org/content/4.html>

UICC Global Cancer Congress 2008: Geneva, Switzerland. August 27-31, 2009.  
<http://www.controlcancer.ca/en/news/uicc-world-cancer-congress-2008>

**Next Meeting:** Let's get together.

**Thursday, April 9th: 10 am - 12 pm PST**

**We want to hear from you** Absence does not make the heart grow fonder – the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET wants to hear from you as much as possible. So, we encourage you to let us know when you have or, better still, are close to publishing the results of research funded by the CIHR Cross Cultural Palliative NET. Please drop us a line at [pweaver@bccancer.bc.ca](mailto:pweaver@bccancer.bc.ca)

### On the web.

Visit our website to find some of the CIHR Cross-Cultural Palliative Care NET deliverables to-date:

<http://www.bccancer.bc.ca/RES/ResearchPrograms/NET/Trainees.htm#3>

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