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# Building Palliative Care In Europe

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3 cancer centres  
16 regional units  
2.5 millions  
50% population



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# During my presentation:

## **1. Differences - historical backgrounds,**

- socioeconomic – political context
- cultural beliefs
- Values

## **2. Context and situation for Palliative services**

- Human resources
- Geographical differences

## **1. Educational needs for professionals involved in Palliative care**



## *Palliative care:*

- **“PC means patient and family-centered** care that optimizes quality of life by anticipating, preventing, and treating suffering.
- Throughout the **continuum of illness addressing physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual needs** and to facilitate patient autonomy, access to information, and choice”.

**Ferrell et al. ASCO congress 2016**

# 1. General context of cancer world-wide:



- **Paice J et al.**, publication in 2008,
  - global efforts in the world have been done regarding cancer pts.
- **>50 million people die form cancer each year world** -many without access to adequate pain control or palliative care!!.

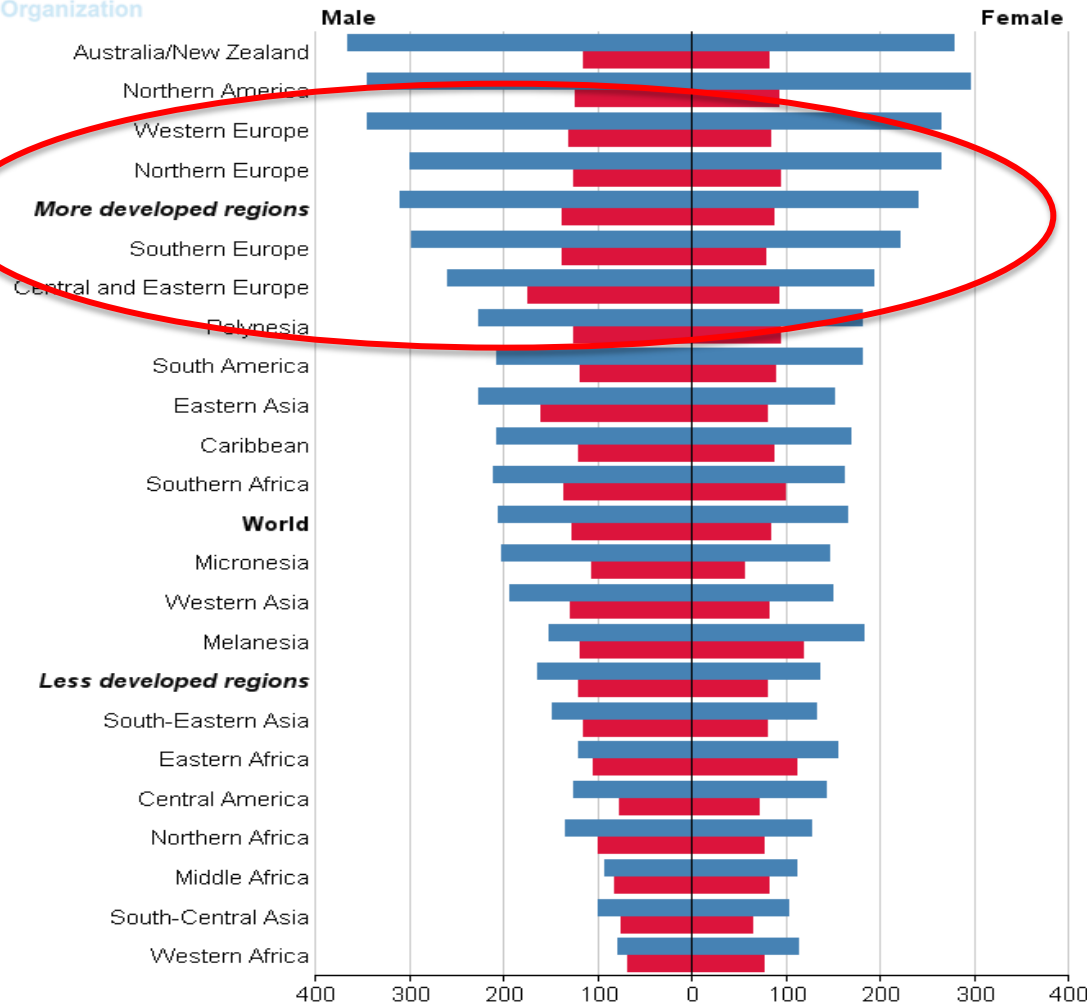


# Gap in life expectancy

International Agency for Research on Cancer



World Health Organization



**High incidence.**  
80% non advanced stage  
Many survivors



**80% advanced stage at initial**  
Lack of data – cancer underappreciated  
**High mortality**

# *European context:*

**Population 484.590.000**

11.4% population are minorities

187 minorities = 42 millions

**June 1993 -  
Copenhagen  
European Council**  
democracy, law for ....  
combat discrimination based  
on sex, racial or ethnic origin,  
religion, disability, age or  
sexual orientation - Romany  
population

Fernández-Ortega et al. **Educational Challenges:**  
Some strategies to provide better cancer care in  
underserved populations. EONS 2016  
[www.cancernurses.eu/magazine](http://www.cancernurses.eu/magazine)



30 countries & 26 languages. Most spoken: German or "Bad English"

# European context - disparities



**At this MOMENT:  
25 millions persons live  
with cancer around the  
world.**

WHO. 2014

- **Disparities** in the developed world & in **Europe**.
- **Multiple dimensions of inequalities**
  - in cancer prevalence and prevention,
  - due **race, socioeconomic status, education level, geographical location, and immigration status.**



# European disparities in cancer

- **Diversity**; cultural, demographical and socio-political characteristics
  - *How cancer patients needs are covered and how have been addresses the cancer policies into this countries?*
- **Minorities – migration from out Europe**. Refugees Middle East: Sirian, Afganistan, Chad, Eritrea
  - *How to integrate or rejected from National Health coverage*
  - **Ex:** incidence **cervical cancer** - Eastern Europe rising, in contrast to the reduction in most countries of Western Europe.
  - **Garner 2003**, explains disparities in morbidity, mortality, survival, access for clinical trials, stage of diagnosis and in **access to screening**.

WPCA, Global Atlas for PC, 2014



# Disparity on screening:

People in poorer inner-city neighborhoods are being screened at much lower rates than people in the richer suburbs. UK- Sw- Fr...

## Psycho-Oncology

Psycho-Oncology 22: 2664–2675 (2013)

Published online 3 July 2013 in Wiley Online Library (wileyonlinelibrary.com) DOI: 10.1002/hon.3344

## Review

### Breast cancer screening utilization among Eastern European immigrant women worldwide: a systematic literature review and a focus on psychosocial barriers

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## Abstract

**Objective:** Many countries host growing Eastern European immigrant communities whose breast cancer preventive behaviors are largely unknown. Thus, we aimed to synthesize current evidence regarding secondary prevention via breast cancer screening utilized by that population.

**Methods:** All observational, general population studies on breast cancer screening with Eastern European immigrant women and without any country, language, or age restrictions were identified. Screening modalities included breast self-examination, clinical breast examination, and mammography.

**Results:** The selected 30 studies were published between 1996 and 2013 and came from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Israel, the Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA. The reported prevalence of monthly breast self-examination was 0–48%; for yearly clinical breast examination 27–54%; and for biennial mammography 0–71%. The substantial methodologic heterogeneity prevented a meta-analysis. Nonetheless, irrespective of host country, healthcare access, or educational level, the findings consistently indicated that Eastern European immigrant women underutilize breast cancer screening largely because of insufficient knowledge about early detection and an external locus of control regarding decision making in health matters.

**Conclusions:** This is a vulnerable population for whom the implementation of culturally tailored breast cancer screening programs is needed. As with other underscreened immigrant/minority groups, Eastern European women's inadequate engagement in prevention is troublesome as it points to susceptibility not only to cancer but also to other serious conditions for which personal action and responsibility are critical.

Received: 8 November 2012

Revised: 28 May 2013

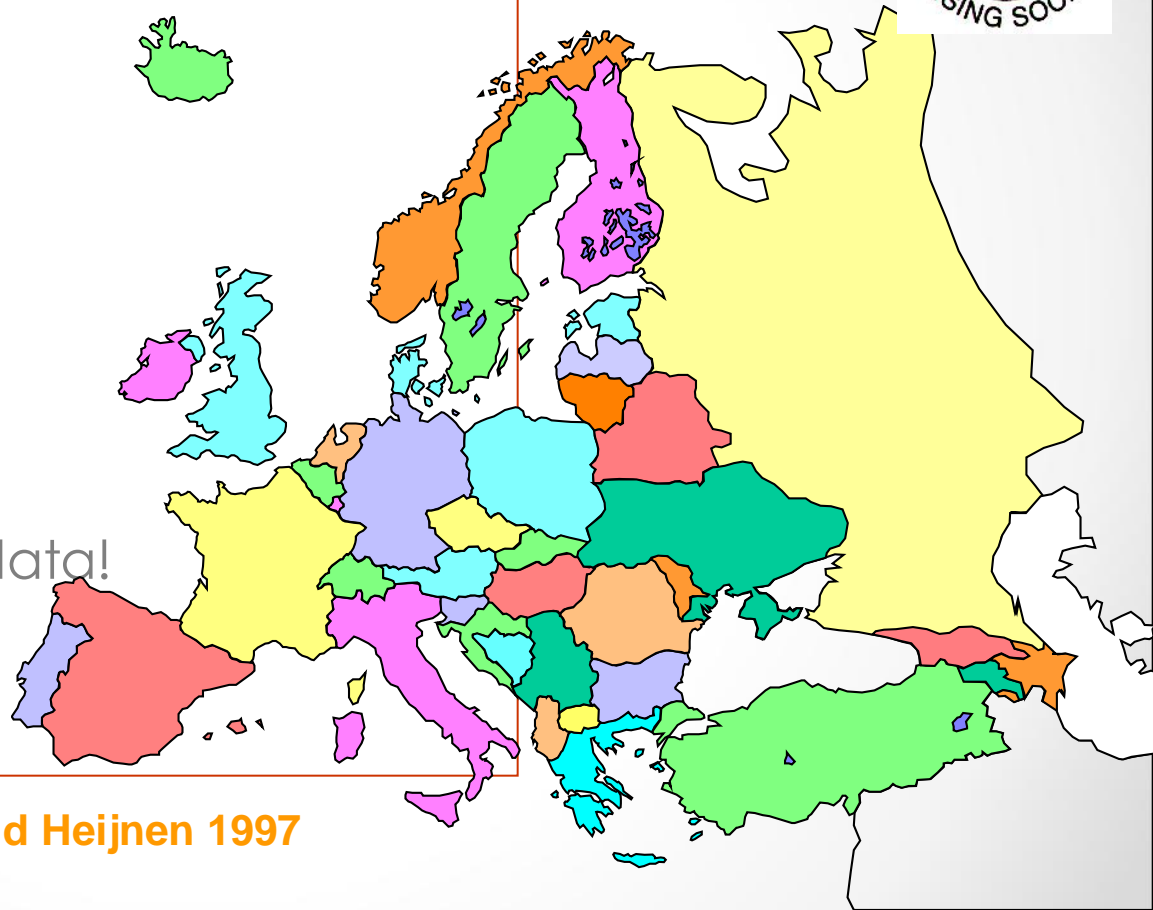
# European context, summary:

1. **Economical crisis** - greater impact on cancer patients, females, elders and survivorships
  - **High risk to** involution in human and health rights. Affecting male & **female equity**. Partial, worst & less payed works
2. **Subpopulations** - **each country or region** to optimize cancer care.
  - **Local patients organizations**, to help families, immigrants and some services as pharmacies or help for caregivers. NGO's advocacy on patient's rights
3. **Solutions** focus in **education and training of professionals** in cancer care, fellowships, grants, direct support of conferences & educational materials....
  - Scientific societies role: EAPC- EONS- MASCC

# Nursing rate in Europe:



○ Finlandia	1862 ( x 100.000 Hab.)
○ Noruega	1000
○ Alemania	840
○ Islandia	810
○ Bélgica	800
○ Austria	569
○ Francia	536
○ Spain.....	480
○ Portugal	450
○ Others:	No data!



Salvage and Heijnen 1997

# Cancer nurses & Oncologist shortage

**Shortage of trained professionals** – due to financial constraints but, also to lack of scientific and epidemiological background

**Ageing professionals**-Western Europe. Doctors 30% >55y. Nurses 41-45years. ICN 2007

**WHO** reported in **2004 nurses-ratio** differences across countries:

- Finland 1200 nurses/ 100,000 population / 500 in Spain or Portugal.
- Uganda or Liberia 10 nurses.
- Regions with the highest ratio is 10 times that of the lowest ratios. Regional different levels coexisting within a country

**Factors pushing nurses to leave source** countries – low pay, poor career prospects, political instability and social violence. Luxemburg, France- Switzerland, Portugal – Switzerland, Spanish nurses in .... all European countries!

Shared language, common educational curriculum, postcolonial ties: Indian and Pakistan nurses in UK, African in Italy, Latinos in Spain or Subsaharian in France.

# Today: nurses rate in Spain 508

SANIDAD Desigualdades entre CCAA

## España necesita unas 142.000 enfermeras para alcanzar a Europa

- En nuestro país hay 508 enfermeros por cada 100.000 habitantes
- La media europea es de 811 profesionales por cada 100.000 habitantes
- Hay grandes desigualdades territoriales en el número de profesionales contratados



Una enfermera realiza una medición de niveles de glucosa en sangre. | MATÍAS COSTA

Noticias Relacionadas

- Así reacciona una enfermera a un paciente
- Sanidad cesa a enfermeras por...
- Conselleria no permite enfermeras crónicos en los colegios
- Guerra abierta por la prescripción Enfermería
- 'Es habitual que entren extraño quirófano durante la operación

Más leídas

- Un premio con 'padre' español
- Las pioneras del 'corta y pega' premio Princesa de Asturias Investigación Científica
- La vacuna contra la meningitis adquirirse en farmacias
- El tabaco es la principal causa de una decena de tumores
- 'Muchos votos son irracionales'
- La familia pakistaní que guarda secreto sobre el cerebro humano
- Una infección que puede tener ingreso involuntario

## European mean rate: 811





## 2. European Palliative care situation:

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# 1<sup>st</sup> edition - 2006

## Atlas of Palliative Care in Europe



Centeno et al. EAPC task force

**Systematic review 300** articles, in 10 year period up to 2005. Databases – PUBMED and CINHALL.

- A peer-review process
  1. to witness the **progress and changes** in palliative care in each country.
  2. + Summary of **the references**
  3. Identification of **key people** who reported on the development of palliative care in those countries.

Authors: Spain- UK- Romania

Centeno C, Lynch T –Int Hospice & palliative care, Donea O Romania & Clark D.

# Map 1. Key map

IS  
Reykjavik

COUNTRIES WITH  
RESPONSE TO  
QUESTIONNAIRE

AL Albania  
AD Andorra  
AM Armenia



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Albania	Czech Republic	Israel	Norway	Spain
Andorra	Denmark	Italy	Poland	Sweden
Armenia	Estonia	Kazakhstan	Portugal	Switzerland
Austria	Finland	Kyrgyzstan	Republic of Moldova	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	France	Latvia	Republic of Macedonia	Turkey
Belarus	Georgia	Lithuania	Romania	Turkmenistan
Belgium	Germany	Luxembourg	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Bosnia Herzegovina	Greece	Malta	San Marino	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Hungary	Monaco	Serbia	Uzbekistan
Croatia	Iceland	Montenegro	Slovakia	
Cyprus	Ireland	Netherlands	Slovenia	

UA Ukraine  
GB United Kingdom

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Centeno C et al. Atlas of Palliative Care in Europe 2013. EAPC

# Palliative care situation

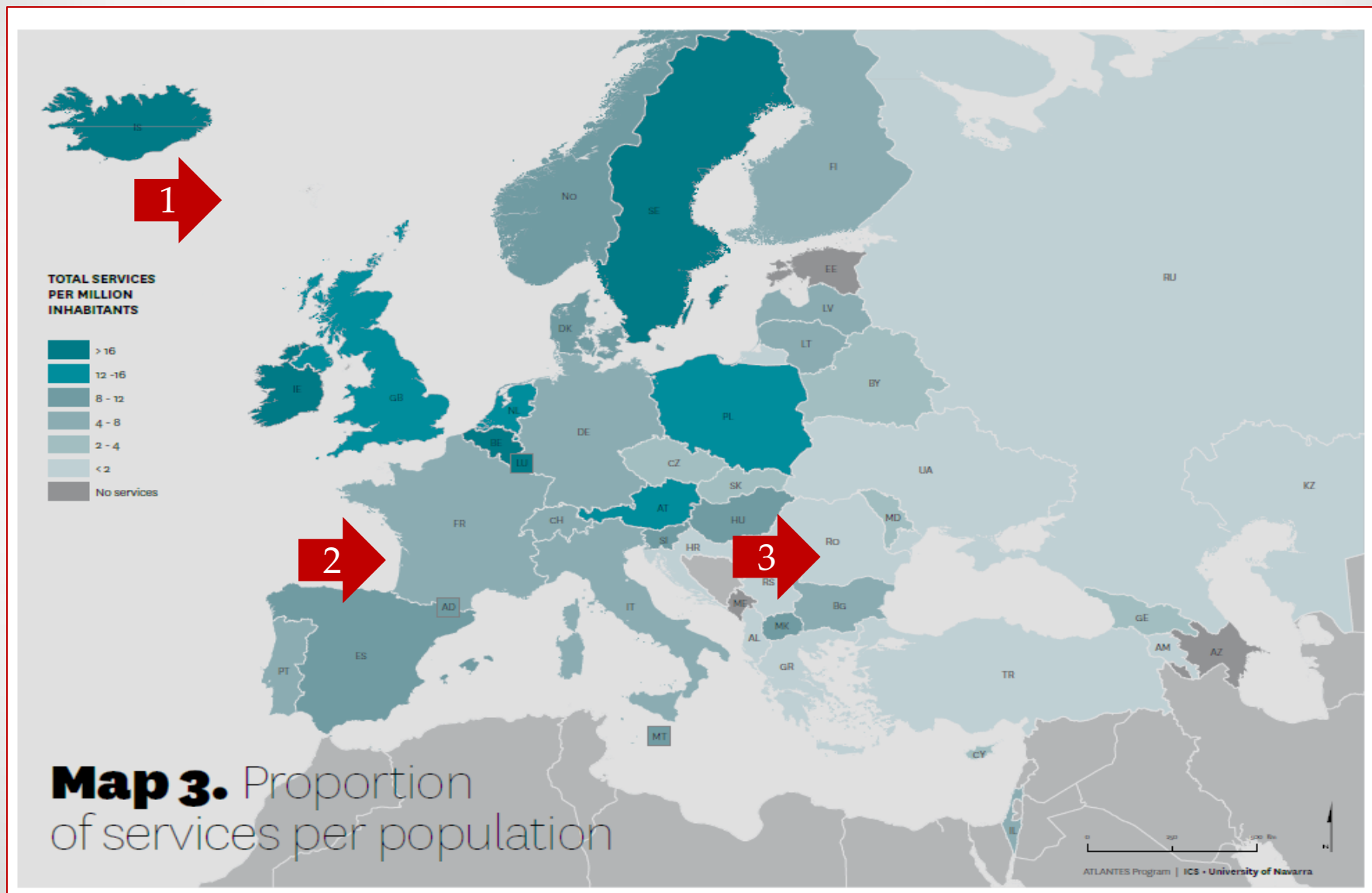


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## Bulgaria and Romania, as other Eastern European countries

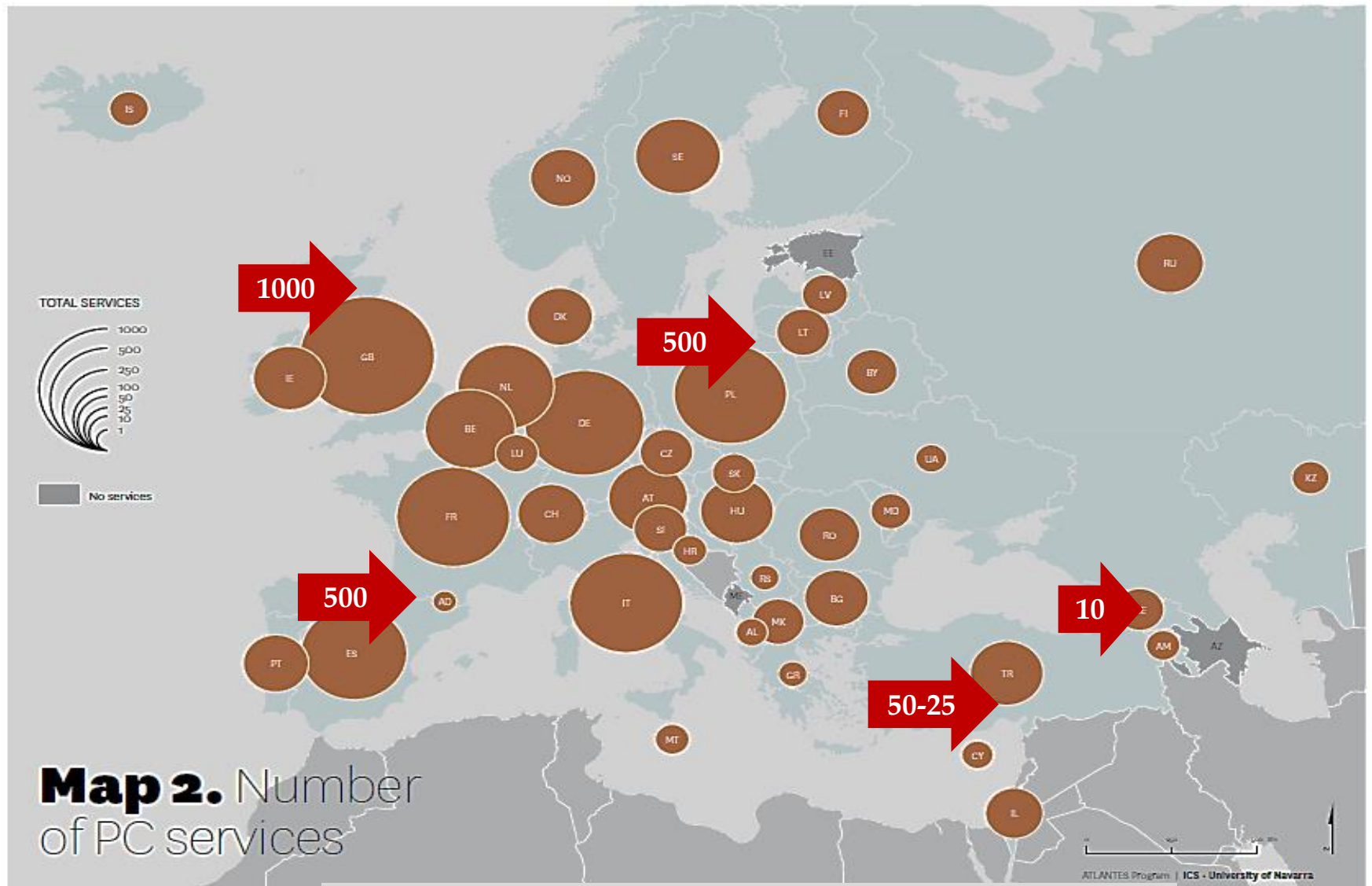
- *The EAPC atlas shows that Romania ranked 26th out of 28 European countries in terms of palliative care resources in 2013.*
- **Why is the end-of-life experience still not Better in Europe?.**
- Quality of Death Index ranked Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria among the 20 worst performing countries in the world.

# Proportion per population





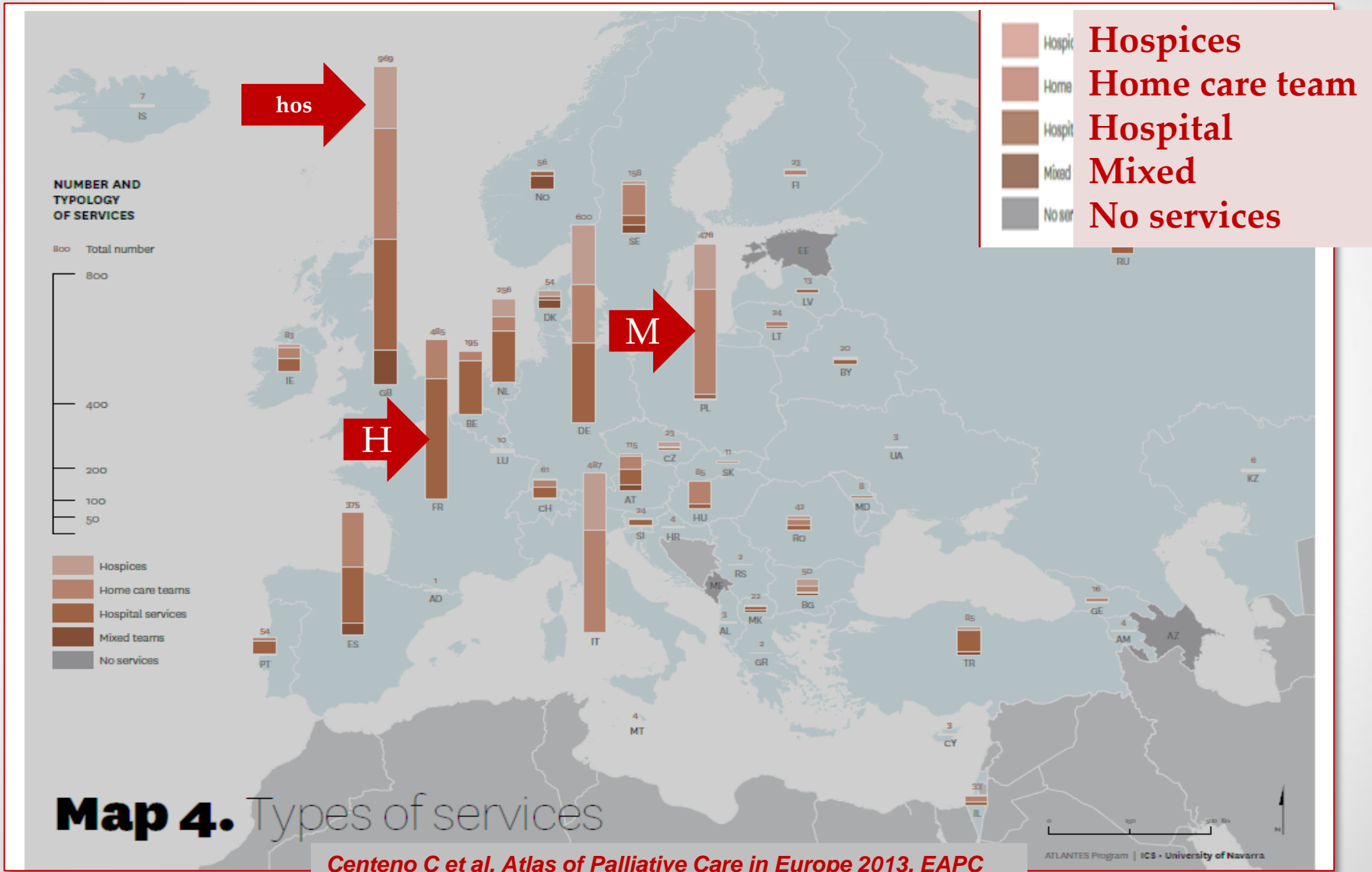
# Palliative:



Centeno C et al. Atlas of Palliative Care in Europe 2013. EAPC



# Types of services



# Care at home – at Hospitals?

DOI: 10.1590/1516-3180.20161341T2

COCHRANE HIGHLIGHTS

## Effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of home palliative care services for adults with advanced illness and their caregivers

This is the abstract of a Cochrane Review published in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) 2013, issue 6, art. n° CD007760. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD007760.pub2. For full text and details about the authors, see reference 1.

Barbara Gomes, Natalia Calanzani, Vito Curiale,  
Paul McCrone P, Irene J. Higginson, Maja de Brito

*The independent commentary was written by Mauricio de Miranda Ventura*

### ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** Extensive evidence shows that well over 50% of people prefer to be cared for and to die at home provided circumstances allow choice. Despite best efforts and policies, one-third or less of all deaths take place at home in many countries of the world.

**OBJECTIVES:** 1. to quantify the effect of home palliative care services

significant beneficial effects of home palliative care services compared to usual care on reducing symptom burden for patients (three trials, two of high quality, and one CBA with 2107 participants) and of no effect on caregiver grief (three RCTs, two of high quality, and one CBA with 2113 caregivers). Evidence on cost-effectiveness (six studies) is inconclusive.

**AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS:** The results provide clear and reliable evidence that home palliative care increases the chance of dying at home and reduces symptom burden in particular for patients with cancer, without impacting on caregiver grief. This justifies providing home palliative care for patients who wish to die at home. More work is needed to study cost-effectiveness especially for people with non-malignant conditions, assessing place of death and appropriate outcomes that are sensitive to change and valid in these populations, and to compare different models of home palliative care, in powered studies.

The full text of this review is available from the Cochrane Library at [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD007760](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/14651858.CD007760)

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### COMMENTS

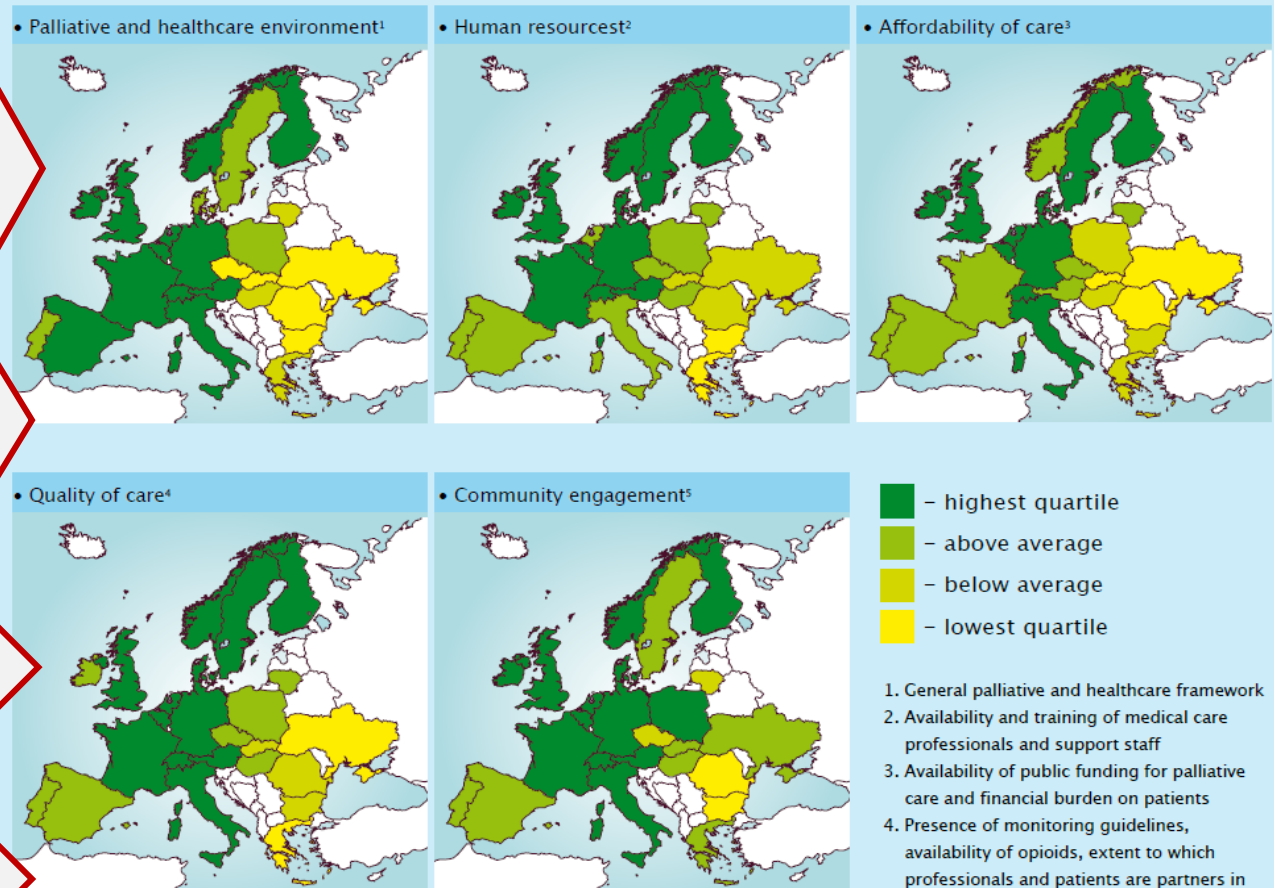
The relevance of this study stems from the fact that aging of popula-

Many countries  
>50% prefer at home  
Only 30% or less ...  
die at home

# Quality of death

## Quality of death across Europe

The Economist Intelligence Unit ranked countries across the world according to the availability, affordability and quality of palliative care available to adults. Countries were scored according to 20 indicators, in five categories. These maps show the global quartile rankings for European countries



Source: The 2015 Quality of Death Index (2015) The Economist Intelligence Unit Ltd

1. Palliative&health  
care enviroment

2. Human resources  
in Palliative C.

3. Affordability of  
care

4. Quality of care

5. Comunity  
engagement

# Quality of death

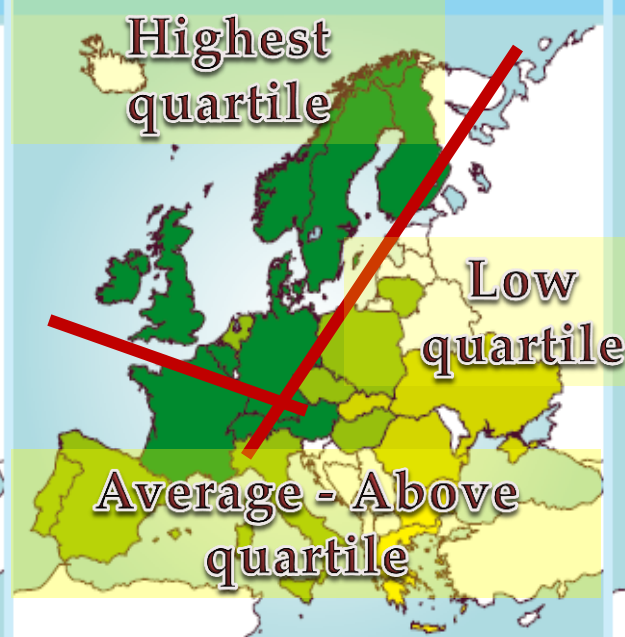
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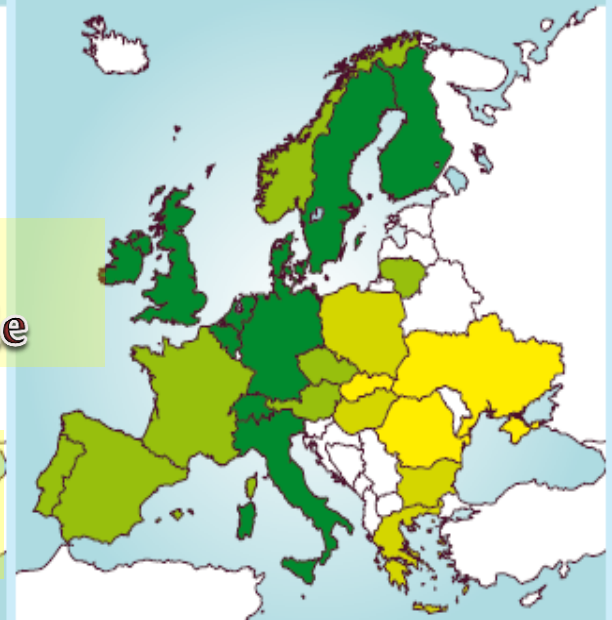
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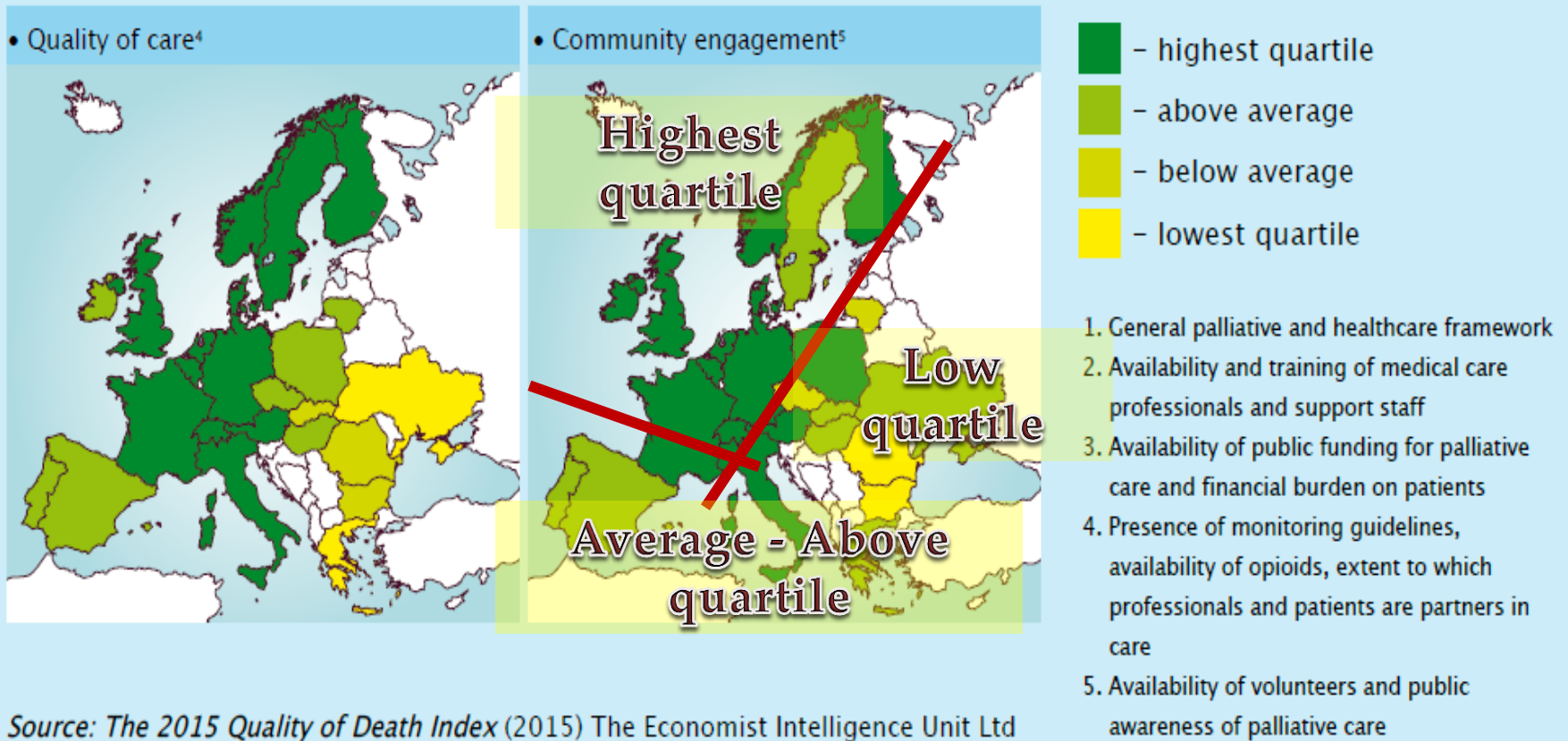
• Human resources<sup>2</sup>



• Affordability of care<sup>3</sup>



# Quality of death









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## **Why is the end-of-life experience still not Better in Europe?.**

- Economic and political can affect on decreasing quality of death and life..

# 5 indicators:

## **1. Pain control - first indicator**

- still not central to decision making in oncology & in our hospitals,
- In acute and long-term centers, pain is not registered in a protocol manner
- many medical and nurses professionals are not involved in the correct use of analgesia

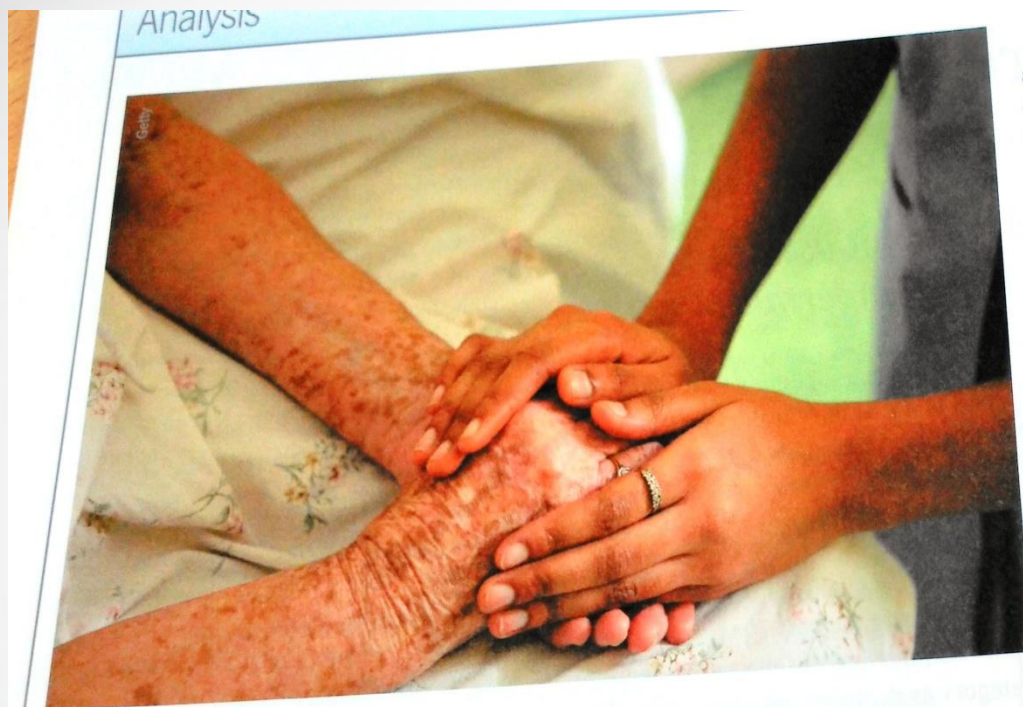
## **2. Education in Palliative for nurses and medical staff**

## **3. Nurses specialist's in cancer care & palliative care**

## **4. Grief and mourning attention to family members**

## **5. Involvement in research**

# UK- Missing out on palliative care



## Survey reveals sharp contrasts in quality of palliative care

Alarming analysis leads to call for a comprehensive discussion on access to services, writes Nick Trigg

Data sources across UK:  
National Survey of Bereaved People in England

1/5 do not receive Palliative care

- **Cancer patient services** better than other conditions –vascular, respiratory, dementia
- Less cost +less emergencies admissions

- The oldest >85 years, less access to care than younger- Only 16% palliative
- Ethnic groups report poorer care
- Deprived areas less likely to have support at home
- Having spouse or partner better pain control
- Palliative specialist only in 1/5 hospitals- Royal College Physicians

## 2nd Indicator: Professional's education and training

**EONS project ReCAN**, Wells M.  
and the working group that  
met last November 2016.

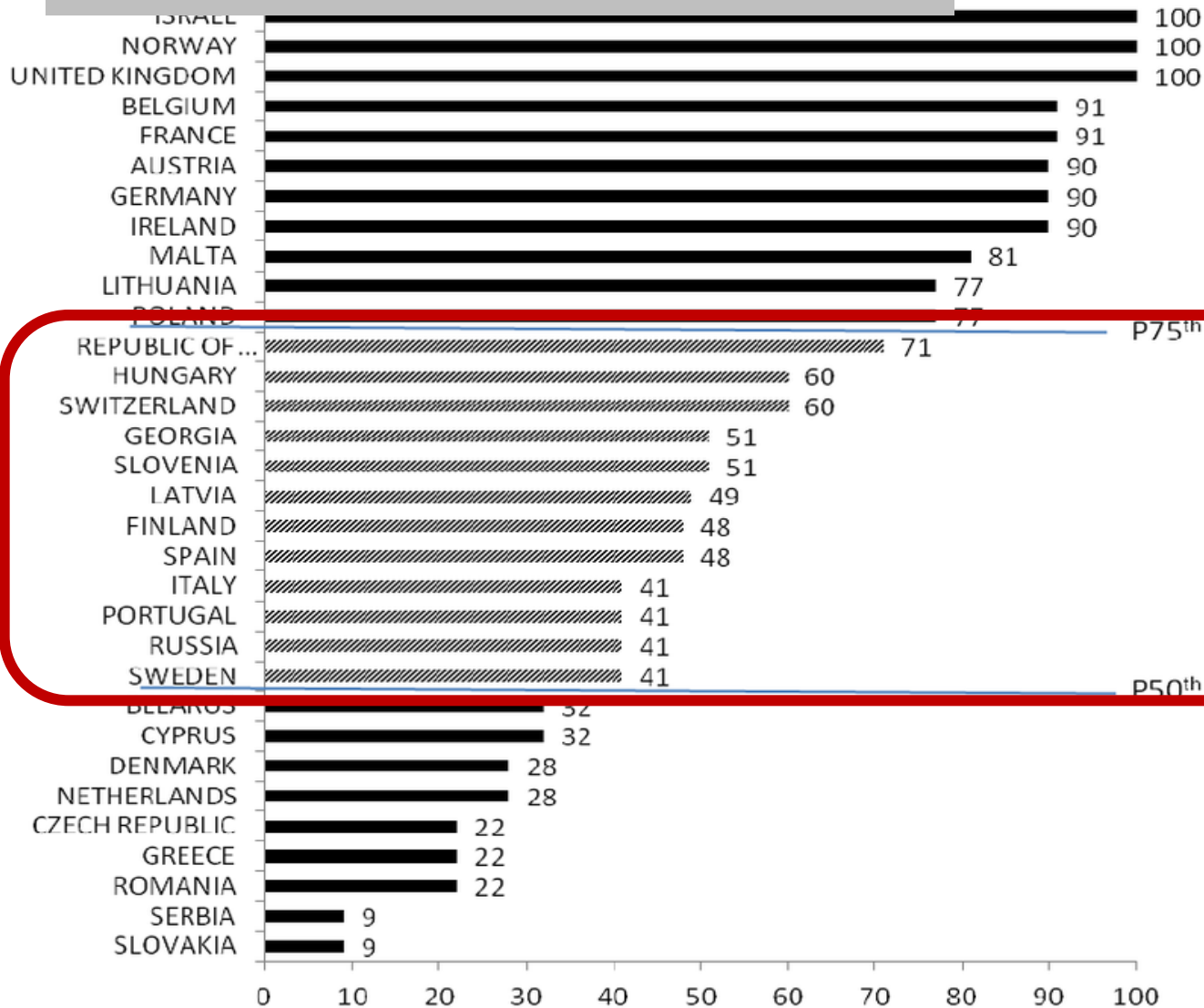
- **Aim:** to investigate whether  
there is a relationship between  
**cancer nurse education** and  
training and patient  
experiences & outcomes.

**Training** in aging-chronicity, wills,  
autonomy, clinical evidence-  
based.





# P. Care – courses Medical



**Note:** Countries with the same score have been ordered alphabetically. Countries without PC courses in undergraduate medical curricula or teachers of the discipline: Albania, Andorra,

# Medical Education European Universities

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Journal of Pain and Symptom Management 1

## *Original Article*

### Palliative Care Medical Education in European Universities: A Descriptive Study and Numerical Scoring System Proposal for Assessing Educational Development

José Miguel Carrasco, PhD, MPH, Thomas J. Lynch, PhD, MA, Eduardo Garraalda, MD,  
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Lacasta MA in 2016. Of 261 palliative care teams, they responded 78 that they provided care to relatives in the Palliative unit and type of psychological care was questioned also



# 3rd: Palliative CN's Nurses



# Palliative CN's nurses interventions

## 4 core categories:

1. **Teaching, Guidance, and Counselling:** Activities to provide information and materials, encourage action and responsibility for self-care and coping, and assist the individual/family/community to make decisions&solve problems.
2. **Treatments and Procedures:** Activities such as wound care, specimen collection, resistive exercises, and medication prescriptions that are designed to prevent, decrease, or alleviate signs and symptoms of the individual, family or community.
3. **Case Management:** Activities as coordination, advocacy, and referral that facilitate service delivery, improve communication among health and human service providers, promote assertiveness, and guide the individual, family or community toward use of appropriate resources.
4. **Surveillance:** Activities such as detection, measurement, critical analysis, and monitoring intended to identify the individual/family/community's status in relation to a given condition or phenomenon.

# Education in Palliative care.

## Situation in SPAIN

Study done Sept-October 2015,

- to identify which University Faculties and nursing schools in the country offer specific training in palliative care at undergraduate, master and doctoral degree. Compare with 2010/2011
- **Results** 101 schools and faculties enrolled in the National register,
- 48.51% of the centers specific training in palliative care in their curricula, either exclusively or shared with other
- In the curricula, 35 were specific for palliative care content,
- two thirds of which are compulsory
- the rest are optional
- 36.3% of subjects share the credits with contents as geriatrics, critical care or chronicity
- 63.6% are delivered only competencies in palliative care.

# Education in Palliative care.

## Situation in SPAIN - 2

3 to 6 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) in English equivalent to 25-30 hours of work per credit).

**Study done Sept-October 2015**  
**Not uniform**  
**Less 20%**



- During 3rd and 4th year of studies 85.71%
- In some Autonomous Communities—there is no Palliative content in nursing curricula
- Some Universities Huelva, Andalusia or Catalonia approaches done in multidisciplinary perspective. Exact diversity in Greece, Italy France, Cyprus or Malta

# Psychological competencies CN's Palliative

540

Clark et al.

**Table 1.** Mean confidence scores by competency at pre-program and post-program (where 1 = not at all confident and 10 = very confident)

Competency	Pre-program	Post-program
<i>Knowledge of Psychological Theories of Adjustment and Loss</i>		
1a. Knowledge of mood and adjustment difficulties.	4.9	8.1
1b. Knowledge of vulnerability to mood and adjustment difficulties.	4.9	8.0
1c. Knowledge of distress and coping.	5.2	8.4
<i>Assessment of Psychological Wellbeing</i>		
2a. Assess general psychological well being.	6.3	8.9
2b. Assess the impact of cancer of daily living.	6.3	8.4
2c. Screen for psychological distress using tools.	4.8	7.4
2d. Elicit worries and other concerns.	5.9	8.7
<i>Psychological Interventions</i>		
3a. Give information including breaking bad news.	7.1	8.9
3b. 'Hold' distress through periods of crisis and adjustment.	5.2	8.0
3c. Use psycho-education to support coping strategies of patients and carers.	4.5	7.9
3d. Use psycho-educational approaches to deal with specific symptoms.	4.7	7.6
3e. Offer advice about interventions to enhance self-care and control.	5.3	8.0
3f. Use psychological techniques based on training and experience.	4.3	7.9
3g. Refer appropriately to psychological/psychiatric specialist services.	6.5	8.9
<i>Supervision</i>		
4. Ability to access and use appropriate case work supervision and training.	5.8	8.9



# Indicator 4th Bereavement care&grief

- **Lacasta MA in 2016: Of 261 palliative care teams, they responded 78%** that they provided care to relatives in the Palliative unit and type of Bereavement care was:
  - few would provide follow-up after death
  - many only given to people who are at high risk of developing a complicated grief, or people without sufficient resources.
  - majority of units of CP have psychological service and standardized this measures after death occur.
- **How nurses responde to loss?** How is the experience of “Cumulative Grief”
- **Types of Organizational Support for professionals** – orientation to new nurses, home care staff



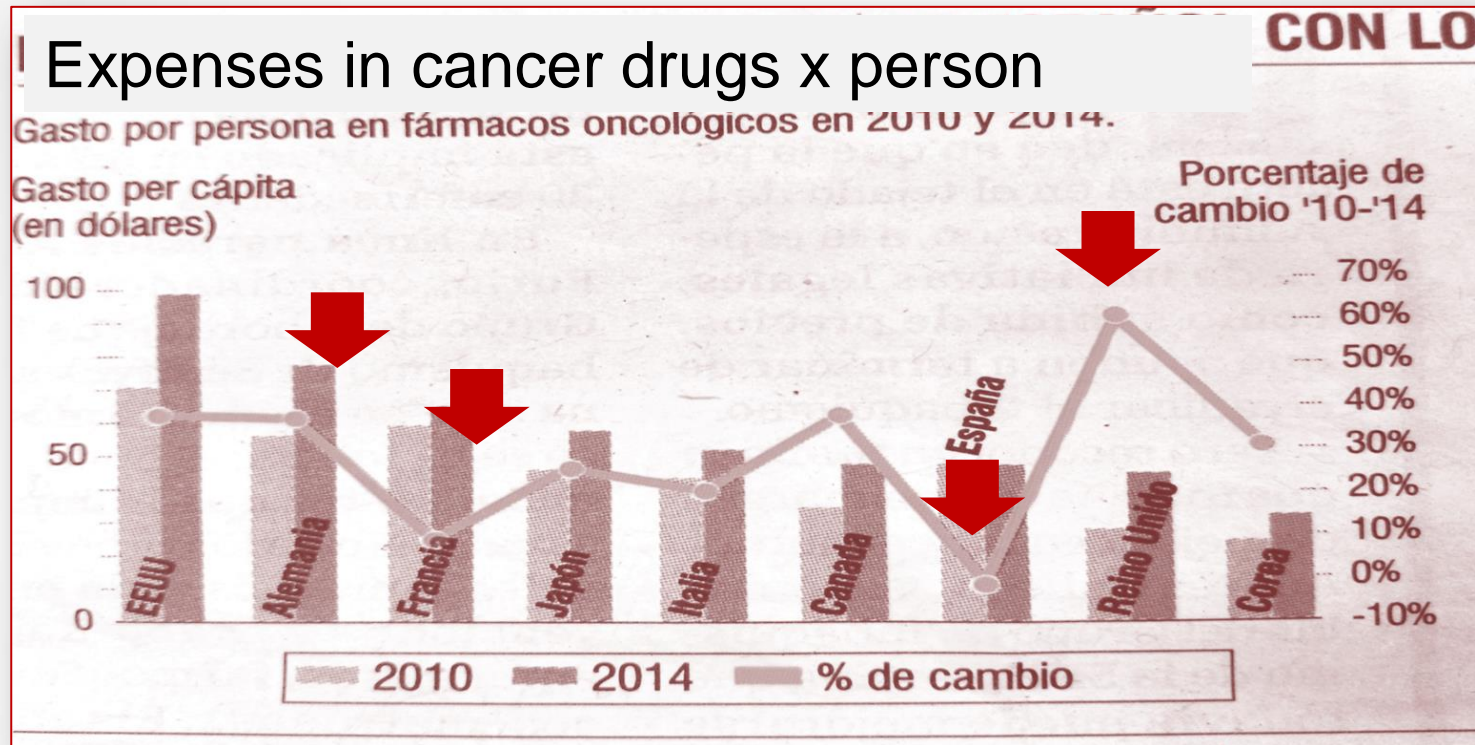


# Indicator 5th: Participating in C.T - Research

- **enrollments in clinical trials for palliative patients:**
- Last ASCO congress, reported by **Betty R. Ferrell**
  - Cancer clinical trials are vital and patients should have the opportunity to participate in clinical trials.
  - Palliative patients may have benefit from the symptoms control, symptoms management & supportive in palliative care.
- This question has been not addressed often but it is now on the table



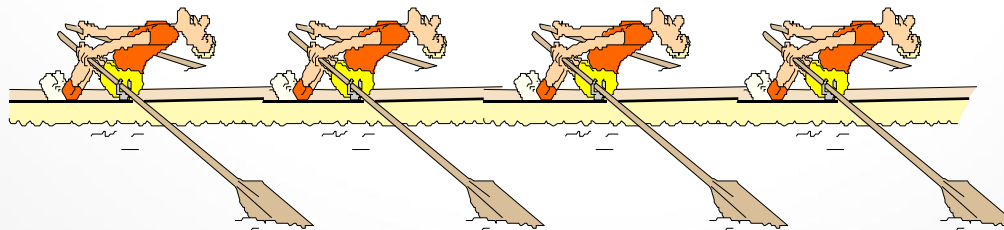
# Expenditure medications...2010-2014



- Europe- common **National Health Systems** coverage
- Most of cancer Chemotherapy drugs are **hospital dispensed**, but most of the **supportive medications are paid by patients**. Copay systems
- Getting **funds from public & private** to improve palliative services

# Final message:

1. **Context in Europe is diverse** - inequalities. Patient and family needs are also diverse and they have to be sensitively and culturally handled.
2. Patient **decision-making** could be increased if professionals are better educated and society is more sensitive
3. Healthcare **professionals'** medical and nurses **education and training** should be contemplated at pre and post-graduate level
4. **Indicators of Quality**- are **number of** services and type, but also pain-professional education, bereavement care, and research in Palliative
5. **Clinical Nurses CN's are ideally placed, and should lead** palliative care process and advance cancer patient follow-up



# Thanks !

# Teşekkürler !

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