

Knowing more about International Palliative care organization

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Do you know which palliative website has the highest hit in the world?

IAPHC website (www.hospicecare.com) has recently reached a weekly hit of 27,000!!

What is IAHPC?

IAHPC is International association for Hospice and Palliative Care, an international hospice organization with the mission to increase the availability and access to high quality hospice and palliative care for patients and families throughout the world. IAHPC achieves this by promoting communication, facilitating and providing education, and by becoming an information resource for patients, professionals, health care providers and policy makers around the world. It is a non-profit organization located in Houston, Texas, which supports programs and individuals in all areas and countries of the world. IAHPC has members from all around the globe and aids in the communication of regional and local initiatives.

What do IAPHC do?

IAHPC strives to provide support and help to developing countries, with technology transfer, education, recognition awards, donation of published materials and networking capabilities. The services of IAPHC include International fellowship program, Clearing house program and provide information through its website. The website contains very rich information which include the monthly newsletter, article of the month on palliative care and ethics, the Palliative care manual and a very informative section on ethics in palliative care. To gain an international perspective in palliative care, please visit its website www.hospicecare.com.

What do you know about the history of IAHPC?

IAHPC has its origins in the International Hospice Institute, founded by Josefina Magno, MD, in 1980. From this grew the Academy of Hospice Physicians (AHP), the American Academy for Hospice and Palliative Medicine and the International Hospice Institute and College (IHIC). Dr. Derek Doyle was elected the first President of the College of IHIC in 1996. Dr. Eduardo Bruera is currently the Chairman of IAHPC since 2000.

How do I support IAPHC?

You can support IAPHC by joining as its member. You can also donate used palliative books to the Clearing house program. If you want to order books from Amazon through web order, another simple way to support IAPHC is to enter IAHPC site first and then hyperlink to Amazon website. Any books that ordered through this channel, money will be donated by Amazon to IAHPC without coming out from your pocket!