

Palliative Care and Pain Treatment as Human Rights
Joint Declaration and Statement of Commitment
Purpose and Implementation Strategy

Coordinated by:

The International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) and the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance (WPCA)

Purpose:

The purpose of this Declaration is the recognition of Palliative Care and Pain Treatment as Human Rights.

Endorsements:

We are seeking the signature from representatives from:

1. International Hospice, Palliative care and Pain organizations
2. International cancer, AIDS and related organizations
3. Regional hospice, palliative care and pain organizations/bodies
4. Regional cancer, AIDS and related organizations
5. National palliative care, pain, cancer, AIDS and other related organizations
6. Individuals

Implementation:

The implementation of this Declaration will have two distinct phases of work associated with it. The sign on phase starting August 1, 2008 ending on World Hospice Palliative Care Day October 11, 2008. Followed by active advocacy phase starting in October 2008 where organizations/associations/networks/alliances/groups/individuals will be encouraged to use this Declaration as an advocacy tool.

Who is this Declaration for:

This Declaration may be used as an advocacy tool by civil society/Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) when approaching various levels of organizations and governments including:

1. International bodies like the World Health Organization (WHO), UNAIDS, Global Fund on HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria and INCB
2. Regional bodies like the European Union and the WHO Regional and country offices
3. National Governments, policy makers and regulatory bodies

To what end:

Representatives of palliative care and pain treatment alliances, federations, associations, organizations, related organizations and members of civil society agree to work and collaborate together to achieve the seven goals laid out in the Declaration.