

IAHPC Suggestions for partners participating in WHO Consultation.  
Guide to filling out the Online Form **DUE JULY 22!!**

Dear Colleagues

WHO is conducting a second consultation (now until July 22) requesting input for the Declaration to be approved at the October 25-26 Global Conference on Primary Health Care. The purpose of this meeting is to renew government commitments to strengthening primary health care to achieve universal health coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals.

***The first draft of the declaration did not define Universal Health Coverage, and contained no mention whatsoever of palliative care as an essential service within primary care. Although several of our partners commented on this, the WHO Secretariat did not include our comments.***

We need more partners to submit comments to the second consultation, which is open until July 22. Each organisation participates individually, not as a coalition. The more comments requesting inclusion of palliative care the better. IAHPC has prepared a guide for organisations wishing to comment. The guide is attached. It is meant to be suggestive only. Please put as many of the comments as possible into your own words.

The website says, "We would like to hear from you. From patient to provider, from policy maker to educator - it doesn't matter who you are or where you are from, primary health care is important to us all. The comment period will be open until 22 July at midnight CEST."

[Read the draft declaration here pdf, 385kb](#)

- [Click here to have your say](#)
- Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

### **Questions in the FORM – Suggested Responses**

#### **1/ Do you have any comments about the Guiding Principles?**

**Check YES**

In Paragraph 3:

Replace "UHC means that all people, including those who are marginalized or vulnerable, should have access to quality health services that put their needs at the centre, without financial hardship."

with

"UHC means that all people and communities can use the promotive, preventive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative health services they need, of sufficient quality to be effective, while also ensuring that their use does not expose the user to financial hardship."

Use WHO definition

...[http://www.who.int/health\\_financing/universal\\_coverage\\_definition/en/](http://www.who.int/health_financing/universal_coverage_definition/en/)

#### **2. Does the vision adequately capture what is needed in PHC for today?**

**Check NO**

Suggested Comment: "To adequately capture what is needed in PHC for today, the vision must explicitly include the palliative approach as part of the continuum from promotion, prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care." Please put this in your own words!

**Does the vision accurately express the linkages between PHC and UHC and the SDGs?**

Check “NO”

**Comment:** “Because it does not explicitly define the continuum of UHC, and specify palliative care as an essential service.”

**Are the Drivers for Success well explained?**

**General:** Needs more emphasis on primary care provider training in geriatric and palliative care. Also needs to emphasise the need to support community health workers as adjuncts to PHC Medics.

**Knowledge:** Decades of health systems research have generated solid knowledge of how to address the determinants of health, reduce inequalities, prevent, treat, and palliate diseases and their symptoms, thereby promoting health for all.

**People:** Youth and older persons, in particular, are raising their profile, using new media to assert their rights and voice their needs.

**Put public health and primary care at the center of UHC**

We will appropriately prioritise disease prevention, health promotion, and palliative care.

**Is the description of today’s challenges appropriate?**

Check “NO”

Suggested Comment. It does not discuss population aging trends and the need to train providers in geriatric and palliative care

**Would you add or remove anything from the section: “To address today’s challenges and seize opportunities for a health future we must...”?**

Check “Yes”

Suggested Comment: "We will appropriately prioritize disease prevention and health promotion." should read "We will appropriately prioritise disease prevention, health promotion, and palliative care."

**Does the closing include all the key action elements? Is it motivational and inspirational?**

**Up to you!**