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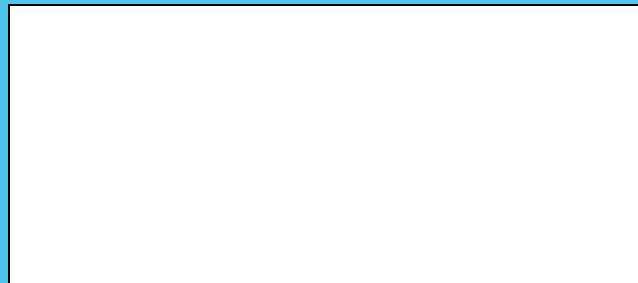
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## Background

Europe faces a great challenge in the upcoming years now that the population is aging and large numbers of old and often vulnerable patients are in need of palliative care. The challenge is even greater because of the wide gap that exists between the knowledge of best practice in palliative care and its use in every day clinical practice.

## Objective

The EU funded IMPACT (**IM**plementation of quality indicators in **P**alliative **C**are **S**tudy) project (2011-2015) aims to develop improvement strategies that can be implemented to enhance the quality of palliative cancer and dementia care in areas that quality indicators have shown are in need of improvement. The IMPACT project will be conducted in five European countries: England, Germany, Italy, Norway and The Netherlands. However, the results of this project will be applicable in other countries, as well as across diverse healthcare settings and other disease areas.

## Methods

Throughout the course of the project, multiple methods (i.e. a literature study, systematic review, integrative review, interviews, focus group interviews and an intervention study) will be used to develop and implement improvement strategies using quality indicators in palliative cancer and dementia care.

## Specific activities

Because of the complexity of the IMPACT project, the use of the various methods has been structured into work packages (WP):

- WP 1 concerns the overall coordination of the project;
- WP 2 will develop and apply an analytical framework in order to describe how palliative cancer and dementia care

services address the needs of their patients;

- WP 3 will select quality indicators and identify a set of implementation strategies, taking the national and setting-specific barriers and facilitators into account;
- WP 4 will evaluate the effectiveness and acceptability of our implementation strategies using the quality indicators in a pre-post test intervention in 40 settings;
- WP 5 will determine the actual barriers and facilitators influencing implementation of the improvement strategies in the palliative cancer and dementia care settings;
- WP 6 aims to stimulate reorganisation of palliative cancer and dementia care by disseminating the knowledge, results and tools developed within the project and by coordinating the dissemination activities.

## A multidisciplinary team

The IMPACT project is built on a consortium of 12 research teams located at 12 different universities and research organisations, bringing together a multidisciplinary team with partners who have gained broad experience in international research networks.

Two international networks will join their expertise and efforts in this project: the pan-European research group on detection and timely INTERvention in DEMentia (Interdem) network and the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) network.



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