

Palliative Medicine for Children – Educational Resources v.2 updated Jan 2024

There is a variety of educational resources currently available for staff to maintain and develop skills in the delivery of children's palliative care. This list has been prepared by the National Clinical Programmes for Palliative Medicine and for Paediatrics & Neonatology to serve as a guide to current resources.

Paediatric Palliative Medicine Formulary 2024 (6th edition)

The Association for Paediatric Palliative Medicine (APPM) has developed a formulary which can be used in conjunction with the BNF when prescribing for children with palliative care needs. The 6th edition represents a substantive revision from previous versions. <https://www.appm.org.uk/formulary/>

NB: *The formulary includes some drug indications and routes which are not licensed by the manufacturer. Prescriber discretion and caution is advised in the use of the formulary. Further advice on specialist drugs is available from the CHI Paediatric Palliative Care Team as required.*

Basic Symptom Control in Paediatric Palliative Care (2022)

Together for Short Lives have developed a very useful handbook which includes guidance on a range of problematic symptoms in children's palliative care. It is available to download for free here:

[Together for Short Lives - Basic Symptom Control](#)

Clinical Guidelines

APPM has recently published (2023) an initial series of clinical guidelines- click on title for link:

1. Seizures
2. Agitation
3. GI dystonia

These are available to download on <https://www.appm.org.uk/guidelines-resources/clinical-guidelines/>

Irish Courses/Resources

There are varied Educational Programmes delivered throughout the country. A selection of National recurring programmes are listed in the table below.

<p>a. Centre of Childrens Nurse Education (CCNE, based at CHI): Course – Care of the child with a life-limiting condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Level A: a 1-day introduction for health care professionals working caring for children with life-limiting conditions requiring palliative care. – Level B: an advanced course specialising in particular education for healthcare professionals who are frequently confronted by palliative care situations. <p>Further details: CHI - Centre of Childrens Nurse Education</p>
<p>b. University of Galway and UCD: Postgrad Dip/MSc in Children's Palliative and Complex Care (level 8) Grant funding available for clinical nurse specialists from specialist palliative care teams interested in this course. Contact course director for more information. UCG Care of the child family with complex palliative care needs</p>
<p>c. LauraLynn Children's Hospice: Regular in-house education days and workshops contact education@lauralynn.ie to be included on education mailing list. Bespoke education sessions may be developed on request if an organisation has a specific education need.</p>
<p>d. HSE LAND: Connecting a Syringe Driver to a Child's Hickman™ Catheter www.hseland.ie</p>
<p>e. Irish Hospice Foundation: Final Journeys Programme workshop delivered nationally designed for all hospital staff more information at www.hospicefoundation.ie</p>
<p>f. CHI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Role of CNC – Bereavement Study Day
<p>g. CUMH/UCC: Rapid discharge of neonate for EOL care annually</p>
<p>h. Qualifax National Learners Database: Courses in Palliative Care are included. This is a useful resource which captures newer courses and events on a rolling basis.</p>
<p>i. AIHPC website for various events https://aiihpc.org/events/list/</p>
<p>j. HSE Dr Steevens Library maintains a palliative care webpage including links to National Clinical Programme resources. https://hli.ie/palliativeandendoflifecare</p>
<p>k. Ireland's National Children's Nursing Network Ireland childrensnursing.ie holds details of available children's nursing education courses nationally.</p>

Conferences relating to Children's Palliative Care

- **All Island CPC Conference.** Multidisciplinary International Conference held every 2 years in Ireland. 25th and 26th April 2024. Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. www.cpcc.ie
- **APPM Annual conference.** Multidisciplinary. See www.appm.org.uk for more details
- **Maruzza International Congress of Paediatric Palliative Care.** European conference every 2 years. . www.childrenpalliativecarecongress.org for more details. Save the date Rome 16-18 October 2024.

International Virtual Supports and Courses

- **APPM virtual educational resources** includes upcoming series of webinars on recently published clinical guidelines (section 3 above). Further details and to book: <https://www.appm.org.uk/events/>
- **International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN)**
 - Variety of courses on paediatric palliative care topics at <https://www.elearnicpcn.org/>
 - Regular webinars <https://icpcn.org/resources/icpcn-webinars/> covering many relevant topics in children's palliative care and recordings are available-included is a new course relating to neonatal palliative care

Northern Ireland ECHO programme - Monthly peer-to-peer interdisciplinary education and support. 2 hours every month. Contact e.kane@hospiceuk.org to join

Neonatal Palliative Care

- **ICPCN, a new virtual course: Neonatal Palliative Care: An Enhanced Course.** The course has been developed in partnership with Alex Mancini-Smith, National Lead Nurse for Neonatal Palliative Care, who leads the National Neonatal Palliative Care Project in the UK and Lead Editor of the textbook Neonatal Palliative Care for Nurses published by Springer 2020 on which this course is based. The course is designed to enhance knowledge of, and confidence in, neonatal palliative care for health professionals and support workers who are involved in the delivery of care to infants and their families.

Monthly Mondays - Alex Mancini, NHS National Lead Nurse for Neonatal Palliative Care. Monthly peer-to-peer interdisciplinary education and support in neonatal palliative care 2 hours per month. A.mancini@nhs.net to join the mailing list