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## **Working group to prepare a series of country case studies on effective models for palliative care services in Latin America and the Caribbean**

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Thursday December 8th 2016, 12:30pm – 5:00pm

Friday December 9th 2016, 9:00am – 12:30pm

**Room B**

**AGENDA**

### **Context:**

The World Health Assembly Resolution on palliative care (WHA 67.19) established government commitments to improve palliative care services. This commitment is also reinforced by the Member States of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the Regional Plan of Action on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable diseases. In Latin America and the Caribbean, however, there are many gaps in effective and equitable palliative care services. Many countries have only limited services confined in large hospitals, with restrictive policies for pain medication. The limited development of palliative care policies is multi-factorial, but lack of knowledge about effective policies and models of palliative care delivery are a limiting factor. In addition, cultural, ethical, social and religious considerations about death, along with misconceptions and fear about addictive aspects of opioids, are barriers to improve access to palliative care services.

Recently, the Lancet Commission on Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care was established and seeks to generate evidence on the successful approaches and models for palliative care services. As such, the development of country case-studies has been proposed to disseminate knowledge in this area. Therefore, PAHO, in collaboration with the University of Miami Institute for the Americas which chairs this Commission, is convening a working group to prepare a series of country case-studies on effective models for palliative care services in Latin America and the Caribbean.

### **Purpose of the meeting:**

1. To discuss the framework and methodology for developing the country case-studies on effective models for palliative care.
2. To identify information sources, authors and roles and responsibilities of working group members in completing the country case-studies.
3. To establish a chronogram of activities to produce and publish the country case-studies.

Thursday, December 8, 2016	
12:30pm	<b>WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS</b> <i>Silvana Luciani</i> , Advisor, Cancer Prevention and Control, PAHO <i>Felicia Knaul</i> , Director, University of Miami Institute for the Americas and Chair, Lancet Commission on Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care
1:00pm	<b>PRESENTATION OF THE COSTA RICA CASE STUDY</b> <i>Rocio Sáenz</i> , Executive Director, Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social
2:00pm	<b>SESSION 1: REVIEW OF THE METHODOLOGY FOR THE CASE STUDIES</b> Methodology and indicators to be used for developing case-studies <i>Felicia Knaul and Afsan Bhadelia</i>  Discussion
03:00pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
3:15pm	<b>SESSION 2: CONTEXT FOR THE CASE STUDIES</b>  Framework and purpose of the case-studies on palliative care in LAC <i>Felicia Knaul</i> , Director, University of Miami Institute for the Americas and Chair, Lancet Commission on Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care  Perspectives of the IAHPD on the development of the case studies <i>Liliana de Lima</i> , Executive Director, International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care and Member, Lancet Commission on Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care  The global context and how the case studies will support the WHO resolution on palliative care <i>Eric Krakauer</i> , Medical officer, WHO Palliative Care Program and Member, Lancet Commission on Global Access to Pain Control and Palliative Care  Discussion
4:00pm	<b>SESSION 3: PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY CASE-STUDIES</b> <b>MEXICO:</b> <i>Héctor Arreola Ornelas</i> , Mexican Health Foundation
5.00pm	<b>Adjourn</b>

Friday, December 8, 2016	
9:00am	<b>RECAP</b> of the discussions and results of the first day. <i>Silvana Luciani</i> , PAHO
9:15am	<b>SESSION 3 cont'd: PRESENTATION OF COUNTRY CASE-STUDIES</b>  <b>CHILE:</b> <i>Pedro Emilio Pérez Cruz</i> , Pontifical Catholic University of Chile <b>COLOMBIA:</b> <i>Natalia Rodriguez</i> , Harvard University
10:15am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:30am	<b>SESSION 4: WORKING GROUPS TO DEVELOP CASE STUDIES</b> Work group discussions on the expectations of the case studies and plan to complete them
12:00pm	<b>NEXT STEPS</b> Agreement on the timeline to complete and publish the case-studies <b>CONCLUSIONS</b>
12:30pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>

