Marie Curie Research into Practice Conference 2027 Programme – early preview

Tuesday 23 February 2027

10:00-11:30: Opening Session

10:00 Welcome to the Marie Curie Research into Practice Conference 2027
10.05 Better together: integrating generalist and specialist community nursing in palliative and end of life care.
Fliss Murtagh, Sophie Pask, Ben Bowers.
11.00-11:30 Presentation of Conference Prizes

15:30-16:30: Navigating uncertainty in palliative care – a masterclass for healthcare professionals
Learn about how to navigate and communicate uncertain prognosis – where we do not and cannot know how long someone has left to live. Understand how these conversations shape end of life experiences, with an example of the implications on access to benefits under the Special Rules for end of life.
Simon Etkind, Katharine Weetman, Joanna Davies, Stephen Marshall, Becca Stacey, Imogen Pinnell.

Wednesday 24 February 2027

10:00-11:00: A Spotlight on Digital Legacy, AI and the Future of End-of-Life Planning'
This session aims to increase awareness and understanding of the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) within palliative and end-of-life care and approaches to digital legacy after death, with a presentation on improving young people's awareness of digital legacy.
Amara Nwosu, Sarah Stanley, Louisa Wainwright

11:30-12:30: Broadening engagement in service feedback and research: approaches to gathering more diverse end of life care experiences
To address inequities in palliative care, it is vital that the evidence used to make service improvements and policy developments reflects a diverse range of end of life experiences. Current approaches often lack depth and diversity of experiences. This session explores approaches to broaden engagement.

14:30-15:30: Think Big, Act Small: How Small Changes Can Grow into Big Impacts in Palliative and End-of-Life Care
This session launches the concluding report and discussions around The Churchill Fellowship for palliative and end of life care (PEOLC), which saw fellows across the UK travel internationally to explore different approaches to PEOLC practice. Join us for an overview of the shared learnings and small changes for practice.
Sarah Yardley, Gerard Leddy, Deanna Mezen, Arabella Tresilian, David Bradley

Thursday 25 February 2027

14:30-15:30: Exploring geographical inequalities in delivery and experience of end-of-life care in rural and coastal communities end of life care experiences
This session will explore how geographical context shapes inequalities in the delivery and experience of end-of-life care in these communities, spotlighting emerging findings from a large NIHR-funded study.
Susie Pearce, Gary Hodge, Jennie Hayes, Gina Kallis

16:00-17:00: Living with breathlessness - supporting people and improving care
Breathlessness is a common symptom associated with many life limiting illnesses and end of life. This session will explore the experience of living with breathlessness and to provide techniques to support non-pharmacological breathlessness management.
Ann Hutchinson, Gillian Doe