Cancer and Palliative Care in Conflict
Stream update

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• Workshop “Palliative Care in 2020 & Beyond Meeting”
  • Chair: Tezer Kutluk and Richard Harding, 27-28 Feb. 2020, Hacettepe University, Ankara

• Ethics approval for:
  • study in Palestine received approval from Birzeit University (March 2020; under KCL’s review)
  • Quality improvement and Cognitive interviews of the adult measure (Jordan and UK approvals)

• Mapping of the PC services of the MENA region

• Papers submitted (Dr. Ping Guo):
  • "Compounded trauma: a qualitative study of the challenges for refugees living with advanced cancer" has been successfully submitted for publication in BMJ Global Health.
• Starting:
  • Quality improvement and Cognitive interviews of the adult measure (Jordan)
    • IRB approval obtained, capacity building planned on September, Kick of October

• Ongoing:
  • Children’s palliative care needs study:
  • Turkey:
    • completed 25 patients, 15 caregivers, 12 healthcare staffs
    • 45/52 transcribed
  • Jordan:
    • completed and transcribed 52/52
    • translation ongoing 36/52
    • qualitative analysis ongoing
  • Child quality improvement planed in parallel with UK EU-funded study
COVID-19 work

• 4 surveys on the preparedness of palliative care services to respond to COVID-19:
  • Africa Paper accepted with minor revisions at the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management (JPSM)  
    (Richard Harding PI; Sabah Boufkhed lead co-I; Eve Namisango co-I)
  • MENA Paper submitted to JPSM  
    (Richard Harding PI; Sabah Boufkhed PI; Omar Shamieh co-I; Tezer Kutluk co-I, Abdullatif Husseini partner)
  • India Paper submitted to Palliative Medicine  
    (Richard Harding PI; Sabah Boufkhed PI)
  • Asia-Pacific Ongoing analysis  
    (Richard Harding PI; Sabah Boufkhed PI; Cheng-Pei Lin lead co-I)

• Dissemination & Impact:
  • Preliminary findings of the MENA survey presented at the WHO-EMRO webinar on palliative care, 25 Jul. 20
  • Findings from the African survey presented at the African CDC meeting, 04 Aug. 20
  • 2 Posters accepted for the EAPC for the African and Indian surveys

• Funding application: UK Research and Innovation Global Effort on COVID-19 (GECO) – Africa submitted, MENA Under preparation
A qualitative study of the challenges for refugees living with advanced cancer

- Adult Patients & caregivers – completed previously

- Protocol Modification
  - Added Health Care professionals – Qualitative PI Alessandra Giusti
    - Two study sites: Al Bashir Hospital and KHCC
    - Proposed N= 20 interviews
    - Conducted: 20/20, transcribed: 10/20, translated: 2 /10
    - Analysis will start soon
Plans to end of grant

• Adults (Jordan):
  • Specific adult outcomes of interest (PAPER)
  • Validation of adult measure (PAPER)
  • Quality improvement cycle driven by patient-reported outcomes (PAPER)

• Children (Jordan + Turkey)
  • Analysis and reporting of outcomes of interest (PAPER)
  • Specific needs of refugee families (PAPER)
  • Quality improvement cycle driven by patient-reported outcomes (PAPER)

• COVID-19
  • Revise/ resubmit the 3 papers on preparedness
  • Submit GECO grant on preparedness

• Street survey of public attitudes and preferences (countries?)

• Next grant: moving out from acute to community (migrants, implementation science)?