

Guest Editors

Claudia Bausewein

Claudia Bausewein is Professor for Palliative Medicine at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich (Munich, Germany) and is Director of the Dept of Palliative Medicine at Munich University Hospital. Her medical background is internal medicine and she has been involved in palliative care in Germany for more than 25 years.

She worked as Consultant in Palliative Medicine at the University of Munich and as a senior clinical research fellow in the Cicely Saunders Institute at King's College London (London, UK), where she obtained her PhD in 2009.

Claudia Bausewein is national co-lead for the German Guideline for Palliative Care and was a member of the European Association for Palliative Care Board of Directors from 2011 to 2015 and vice president of the German Association for Palliative Medicine from 2004 to 2010.

Her research interests focus on breathlessness in advanced malignant and non-malignant disease, outcome measurement in palliative care and complexity in palliative care. Her methodological expertise covers systematic reviews, cross-sectional and longitudinal studies, surveys, clinical trials and evaluation of complex interventions. She heads a multiprofessional and multidisciplinary research team, including medicine, pharmacy, psychology, sociology, health services research and statistics. Her research is funded by the German Ministry of Research, the German Cancer Aid and various charities. She has published widely and is collaborating with various national and international groups.



David C. Currow



David C. Currow is an internationally recognised expert in supportive and palliative care, with a particular emphasis on chronic breathlessness and in improving health service delivery. He has a strong track record in competitive research funding (National Institutes of Health (Bethesda, MD, USA), National Health and Medical Research Council (Canberra, Australia) and Cancer Council (Sydney, Australia)) and publishing research that influences practice and policy. He leads the Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (Adelaide, Australia), the world's largest palliative care phase III clinical studies collaborative. This has generated several randomised, placebo-controlled trials of off-label use of off-patent medications frequently used in symptom control internationally. He is also a leader in the Palliative Care Outcomes Collaborative (Wollongong, Australia), a national programme for point-of-care data collection and service improvement in palliative care. He was a leader in the creation of the first patient-defined section of the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (the palliative care section).

He is frequently an invited plenary speaker at international conferences. He continues to supervise doctoral candidates from a variety of clinical backgrounds. He is senior associate editor of the *Journal of Palliative Medicine* and is on the editorial boards of *Journal of Oncology Practice*, *Journal of Pain and Symptom Management* and *BMJ Supportive and Palliative Care*. He was the 2015 recipient of the Tom Reeve National Award for Outstanding Contribution to Cancer Care from the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia, a team member winning the 2012 National Team Award for Postgraduate Education from the Australian Learning and Teaching Centre, the 2012 Alumni Medal from the University of Newcastle (Newcastle, Australia) for professional excellence and was a joint winner of the 2015 *Medical Journal of Australia*/Medical Defence Association National Research Award.

Miriam J. Johnson



Miriam J. Johnson is Professor of Palliative Medicine at Hull York Medical School, Director of the Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre and Co-Director of the Supportive care, Early Diagnosis and Advanced disease research group at the University of Hull (Hull, UK). Her clinical and research interests include mechanisms and management of breathlessness and inequalities in palliative care service provision, e.g. for people with non-malignant disease such as heart failure and respiratory disease. The projects employ a wide range of research methodologies (clinical trials of drug or complex

interventions, qualitative studies, observational, secondary data analysis and data linkage studies) and collaborative partners are involved across different disciplines and countries. She has published widely and holds grants from a variety of bodies (National Institute for Health Research (London, UK), National Health and Medical Research Council (Canberra, Australia), The Dunhill Medical Trust (London, UK), Marie Curie Cancer Care/ Cancer Research UK (London, UK), Yorkshire Cancer Research (Harrogate, UK) and the British Heart Foundation (London, UK)).

She is palliative care specialty joint lead for the Yorkshire and Humber Clinical Research Network (Sheffield, UK). She has also set up one of the UK's first integrated palliative care services for people with heart failure.