



# THE INSTITUTE FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

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**INTERNATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE  
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Dr. Priyadarshini Kulkarni is the Medical Director at Cipla Palliative Care and Training Centre, which provides palliative care cancer patients. She heads a team that provides holistic palliative care, totally free of cost. She also leads an initiative for developing software for the centre that will be able to provide better data management and build a database for future research activities.

This software is being developed and adapted according to local requirements.

Priyadarshini also initiates training programs at the centre for professionals from various walks of life including new members of the team, especially in the areas of clinical care and counseling.

She is also a consultant in palliative medicine in the oncology department at Jehangir Nursing Home, Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital and Research Centre and Sassoon General Hospital, all three located in Pune, India. She is a Certified Teacher for EPEC India curriculum.

Dr. Kulkarni is a Member of the Executive Committee of the Indian Association of Palliative Care (IAPC) and one of the founders and Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Maharashtra Chapter of IAPC.

She has published papers and spoken on a variety of subjects pertaining to palliative care, particularly pain management, end-of-life care and communication skills.

A qualified anesthesiologist, she began her training in palliative medicine at Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai. She followed this up with basic and advanced courses in palliative medicine from Calicut Medical College. She joined Care India Medical Society as Medical Officer – Home Care Team in 2001. In 2003, she also started looking after training activities at Cipla Palliative Care and Training Centre. In 2005, she received fellowship from National Cancer Centre, Singapore. She worked as a Clinical Associate at K K Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore in 2007, where she also completed Graduate Certificate course in Health (Palliative Care) from Flinders University, Australia. On her return was appointed as Medical Director at Cipla Centre.