



**DOSPAL PROJECT : INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR THE
ADOPTION OF PALLIATIVE CARE APPROACH
AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN
FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICAN PEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY UNITS**

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Rationale

- Prognosis of childhood cancers is still dismal for many children in Africa
- Concepts related to Palliative Care, such as multidisciplinary, quality of life, suffering, total pain, have the potential to improve the overall care of all children with cancer.
- Palliative skills should be primary oncology skills in Africa too. (*Strategies to improve care for children with cancer in Sub-Saharan Africa, European Journal of Cancer, 2010, 46, 11 T. Israels, R.C. Ribeiro, E M. Molyneux.*)

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Background (1)

- Primary palliative skills training piggybacking on successful pediatric oncology trainings within the GFAOP network
- Real implementation difficulties
 - low number of trained and stable professionals
 - Fragmentation of services
- Importance of common learning framework to build up a mutual trust, bedrock of any cooperation

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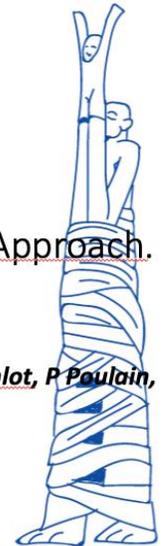
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Integrating Palliative Care in a Pediatric Oncology Approach.
Insights from a 3-year training program

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No child should die of cancer



Background (2): WHO /GICC.

- Goal of reaching at least a 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030, **while reducing suffering.**
- A **coordinated approach** to increase capacity of countries to **provide quality services for children with cancer**

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PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION



St. Jude Global

Palliative Care

Major barrier to children and families accessing skilled PC

- Lack of education for families with children living with serious illness
- Lack of clinician training → few fellowships

**Solution:
Education!**

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DoSPal project : objective and strategy

- Predominantly african multidisciplinary steering committee to design the program
- Involvement of local teachers
- 2 complementary formats :
 - On-site visits by experts in palliative care
 - Collective on line training
- Under the auspices of the WHO

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DoSPal : on-site visits

- 6 volunteer units (19 units, 12 subsaharians)
- Training seminar built with the reception team
- 2-3 experts in palliative care.
- geopolitical challenges

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DoSPal : collective training

- Developpement MOOC with WHO expertise & support
- In French / Free of charge/ Multidisciplinary approach
- Content
 - Learning Activities
 - Practical/Clinical Materials to download
- Three tier

Community : Sensibilisation

professionals : on going training, level 1

professionals : on going training, level 2

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Conclusions

High quality, accessible PPC education programs are key to ensure all **healthcare personnel** around the globe who care for children with cancer have the knowledge and tools to address the needs of their patients and families in a holistic way.

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Conclusions

- Complexity : Education.... PPC Africa
 - New generation of leaders
 - New tools
 - New collaboration
- Être prêt à admettre la différence
- A partir d'un socle communautaire (St Jude... GFAOP... SIOP... OMS...)
- En poursuivant sur un temps long, avec bienveillance

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