



Stephen R. Connor

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Biography

Stephen R. Connor, PhD has worked continuously in hospice and palliative care for over 40 years as a researcher, licensed clinical health psychologist, consultant, author, educator, advocate, & executive. After serving for 11 years (98-09) in the leadership of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (US), as VP for research and international development, he is now focused on palliative care development internationally with the Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance (WHPCA), a global alliance of national, regional & other hospice and palliative care organizations in 86 countries.

Dr Connor has worked continuously in the hospice/palliative care movement since 1976, as the CEO of four different US hospice programs, and has been a consultant surveyor for the Joint Commission. In addition to being a hospice and association executive, he is a researcher and psychotherapist, licensed as a clinical psychologist in California and Kentucky. Dr Connor's areas of research interest include bereavement and health, denial in the terminally ill, outcome & global measurement in palliative care, and evidence based care for the dying. He is a trustee of the International Children's Palliative Care Network and a board member of the Elizabeth Kubler-Ross Foundation, chaired the board of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, & Bereavement, was board treasurer of the Association for Death Education and Counseling, has been a member of the World Health Organization's Technical Advisory Board on Palliative and Long Term Care, is a member of the scientific advisory board of the National Palliative Care Research Center, and serves as a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Pain and Symptom Management. For the last 17 years Dr. Connor has been working on palliative care development internationally in 25 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, and Latin American. He has published over 125 peer reviewed journal articles, reviews, and book chapters on issues related to palliative care for patients and their families and is the author of *Hospice: Practice, Pitfalls, and Promise* (1998), *Hospice and Palliative Care: The Essential Guide* (2009 & 2017) and is co-editor of the *Global Atlas of Palliative Care at the End-of-Life (2014)* and *Building Integrated Palliative Care Programs & Services (2017)*.