

Short Biographies

Meera Agar MBBS MPC FRACP FChPM PhD is Professor of Palliative Medicine, University of Technology Sydney (UTS) and Director of Improving Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care through Clinical Research and Translation (IMPACCT); senior palliative care physician, research lead for South West Sydney Local Health District Palliative Care Service and Chair of Cancer Symptom Trials (14th Cancer Australia supported Cancer Collaborative Trials Group). Prof Agar has particular interests in delirium, supportive care needs of people with brain tumours and geriatric oncology.

Fliss Murtagh qualified in medicine in the UK in 1986. She worked in General Practice for almost 10 years, then undertook specialist training in palliative medicine. She is now Professor of Palliative Care at Hull York Medical School, and Consultant in Palliative Medicine at Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, in Hull, UK.

She is experienced in providing palliative care to a wide range of people with far advanced disease and their families, and has published extensively on palliative and end-of-life care needs, especially for older people and those with advanced kidney disease. She is also experienced in research methods: cohort and cross sectional surveys, psychometrics, implementation and use of outcomes, especially the Integrated Palliative care Outcome Scale (see www.pos-pal.org).

Dr Slavica Kochovska is the inaugural PaCCSC Postdoctoral Research Fellow at IMPACCT, University of Technology Sydney. She is a linguist working in the field of palliative care with special interest in patient-clinician communication at the end of life, research consent in vulnerable populations, and consumer involvement in health research. Her program of research aims to improve communication in the clinical setting by developing novel interventions to help facilitate an earlier and more systematic recognition of advanced symptom burden in people with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers and help develop more effective healthcare system responses. Slavica holds a Bachelor of Arts (Highest Honours) and Masters in Linguistics (First Class Honours) (University of Auckland, NZ), and a PhD in Linguistics (Rutgers University, USA).

Rebecca Woodhouse has been a Research Fellow in the Mental Health and Addiction Research Group at the University of York, since 2013 and Visiting Fellow to the Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre, University of Hull. She is interested in research looking at delirium in palliative care settings and the development and validation of screening tools. Currently, Rebecca is working on an Urgent Public Health study to address depression and loneliness (in older adults) during the COVID pandemic.

Matilda Barnes-Harris I am an academic foundation year 1 doctor at York Teaching Hospital/ Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre, currently working in the Emergency Department. I studied at Hull York Medical School, where I developed an interest in Palliative care and Cardiology. My publications look at the use of the handheld fan in chronic breathlessness, comparison of burden in COPD and lung cancer and my current research is continuing in these areas, plus looking at heart failure and ceilings of treatment.

Dr Kitty Jackson is an NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow in Palliative Medicine. She has extensive experience caring for patients with delirium in both the UK and New Zealand across a range of speciality areas including palliative medicine, elderly medicine and psychiatry; through this she learnt how variable the quality of delirium care can be. She is now undertaking a Masters at Hull York Medical School/Wolfson Palliative Care Research Centre where she is investigating approaches to improve the quality of delirium care in the hospice environment.

Andy Bradshaw (@Andy_Bradshaw94) I am currently a postdoctoral research fellow in palliative care at The University of Hull working on the [RESOLVE study](#). My research interests revolve around using implementation theory to understand the processes underpinning the integration of person-centred outcome measures into routine palliative care practice. I am also interested in understanding the role that physical activity and mindful movement interventions may have on quality of life in patients with advanced illness. I predominantly use qualitative research methods and methodologies, and have experience in ethnographic, exploratory, and case-study research in palliative care contexts.

Professor Jane Phillips is Head School of Nursing Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane and Emeritus Professor of Palliative Nursing at University of Technology Sydney with experience in delivering evidenced-based palliative care across diverse settings, including rural and regional Australia. Jane is at the forefront of her field and brings her considerable clinical nursing, national policy and academic expertise to deliver outcomes that are changing practice and enhancing palliative care globally.