



INCTR Canada and INCTR Nepal

Palliative Care in Nepal

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Over a decade of collaboration developing palliative care in Nepal. Twinning arrangements set up between institutions in Nepal and Canada and on-going training and advocacy as arranged by Nepal Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (NNCTR)/INCTR Nepal.

INSTITUTIONS

- Nepalese Association of Palliative Care (NAPCare)
- Bhaktapur Cancer Centre, Bhaktapur, Nepal
- BP Koirala Cancer Centre, Bharatpur, Nepal

OBJECTIVES

To increase population coverage regarding palliative care in Nepal; especially to regions and rural areas.

METHODS

Recent meeting (April 2012) engaging many parties involved in palliative care in Nepal. Discussions with government are ongoing regarding the integration of palliative medicine into national health program. Dr Love and other INCTR faculty such Dr. Fraser Black and Doug Ennals travel to Nepal at least once per year.

PROGRESS

- Have undertaken multiple training visits to Nepal and are in the process of establishing curricula for various health care providers who wish to become more expert in palliative care.
- Several thousand patients with advanced cancer and severe symptoms have been treated over the past five years at a number of different sites.

FUTURE PLANS

Training of future professional leaders in palliative medicine in Nepal and increasing capacity for treating patients with advanced cancers and other diseases.