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Speaker Biography

Professor Scott Murray

Scott Murray is the St. Columba's Hospice Chair of Primary Palliative Care at Edinburgh University. He has wide experience of research and evaluation in many African countries, and currently advises the WHO concerning the development of integrated palliative care internationally. By employing innovative research he has popularised the concept of typical trajectories of decline in the last phase of life, and on that basis calls for a radical redesign of palliative care services. He is involved in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching advocating that palliative care be integrated in the management of all advanced diseases.



He chairs the [International Primary Palliative Care Network](#) which seeks to encourage research and advocacy for a palliative care approach to be adopted internationally in primary care. He recently led an EAPC Taskforce to produce a [Toolkit for national palliative care development in the community](#), now translated to French and German. He has helped develop a validated tool to help generalists identify patients for palliative care which is now used in many countries (www.spict.org.uk/the-spict).

His vision is that good palliative care should be available to everyone everywhere by generalists supported by specialists. Scott advocates for a new public health – a health promoting approach in palliative care whereby individuals and communities are encouraged to call on their own individual and community resources and assets so that people can live and then die as well as possible.

Scott enjoys tennis and golf and returning to Africa where he enjoyed bringing up a young family with his wife Mary.

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