



The ECRF aims to:

- Cultivate a platform where early and mid- career researchers can be empowered and receive mentorship and peer-to-peer support, enabling them to share their interest openly and confidently in palliative and end-of-life care research projects, as well as clinical expertise, knowledge, experience, and skills; with each other and with more senior colleagues.
- Encourage early and mid- career researchers to enhance their careers in palliative and end-of-life care research through collaboration and providing information on opportunities for personal and career development opportunities, such as upcoming conferences, presentations, and funding applications.
- Develop and facilitate research capacity building activities, including needs-based training and education in end-of-life and palliative care research.
- Highlight and celebrate the contributions of our members to palliative care research and clinical practice through widespread dissemination.

Objectives for 2020/2021:

- 1. Increase the capacity and impact of the ECRF Committee**
 1. Ensure NI/Rol representation on the committee
 2. Increase membership in the ECRF
 3. Promote transition of ECRF members from AIIHPC partner organisations to PCRN
- 2. Develop and implement a communications and social media strategy**
 - a. Review and update communication strategy
 - b. Publish quarterly blogs from early- and mid- career researchers
 - c. Develop and publish quarterly newsletter
 - d. Promote events relevant to ECRF members
 - e. Celebrate ECRF members' successes in palliative and end-of-life care research
- 3. Deliver capacity building events and activities**
 - a. Schedule webinars annually, driven by the needs of ECRF members
 - b. Develop and launch peer-to-peer support project
 - c. Facilitate engagement of ECRF with the PCRN Annual Symposium
 - d. Actively participate in Palliative Care Week
- 4. Create networking opportunities**
 - a. Develop and launch podcast series
 - b. Organise bi-monthly coffee mornings
 - c. Develop Buddy System initiative
 - d. Establish professional links with other early career organisations in palliative and end-of-life care