

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



Population: 4,498,976

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Palliative Care Services

NK = not known

Number of Palliative Care Services

	Inpatient Palliative Care Units	Hospices	Consultant Teams in Hospitals	Home Care Teams	Day Centres	Total
Adult/Children	0	2	0	1	1	4
Paediatric only	0	0	0	0	0	0
				Inpatient Palliative Care Units/hospices	Chronic Hospitals /Nursing Homes	Total
Number of beds allocated to adult palliative care inpatients				29	0	29
				Adults	Children	Total
Number of Bereavement Support Teams				0	0	0

Comments/Sources

- All palliative care services have been established by NGOs; before this no palliative care existed.
- No beds are allocated for palliative care patients in any hospital; most patients are discharged home after active treatment.
- As part of the palliative home care service, one social worker in Hospice Sarajevo and one social worker in Hospice Tuzla each provide bereavement support when required.

[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]

Adult Palliative Care Population



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100%	of patients receiving palliative care have a cancer diagnosis
0%	of patients receiving palliative care have other incurable conditions
	Cancer (n)
Number of patients who die at home	NK 530
Number of patients who die in a general hospital	NK 0
Number of patients who die in other healthcare institutions	NK 165

Comments/Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Other healthcare institutions’ are hospices. <p>[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]</p>

Palliative Care Workforce Capacity			
	Full-time	Part-time	Total
Physicians	3	1	4
Nurses	13	0	13
Social Workers	NK	NK	3
Psychologists	NK	NK	2
Physiotherapists	NK	NK	2
Occupational Therapists	NK	NK	1
Spiritual/Faith leaders	NK	NK	NK
Volunteers	NK	NK	0

Comments/Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual/faith leaders are available when required (although none work full-time or part-time in palliative care). • There are no volunteers because the law does not allow them to work with palliative care patients. <p>[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]</p>

Funding of palliative care services	
Total number of palliative care services funded by the government	0
Total number of palliative care services funded privately or by NGO's	0

Comments/Sources
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palliative care services in Bosnia and Herzegovina are funded by a combination of private and public funds. <p>[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]</p>

Perceived use of main opioids in palliative care		
Order of frequency	Opioid	Estimated cost per month (€)
First opioid	Tramadol cps.	10.95 EUR/box
Second opioid	Tramadol iv	4.90 EUR /box
Third opioid	Kapanol 20 mg	10.95 EUR/box
Comments/Sources		
[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]		

Key issues and challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no details of key issues and challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina. <p>[EAPC Palliative Care Euro-Barometer 2005]</p>
Palliative care accreditation



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- “There is no specialist accreditation for palliative care professionals in Bosnia and Herzegovina at the present time. However, palliative care has been included in both Nursing School and Medical University curricula. One nurse and two doctors have nursing and medical diplomas in palliative care from Cardiff University, but these diplomas are not recognised in Bosnia and Herzegovina.”

[EAPC Palliative Care Facts in Europe Questionnaire 2005]

Palliative care milestones

- 2003: Palliative care begins to develop with NGO “Sisters of the Cross and Passion” support.

[EAPC Palliative Care Euro-Barometer 2005]

Health policy

- There are no details relating to health policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

[EAPC Palliative Care Euro-Barometer 2005]

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