Call for papers for a SPECIAL ISSUE in Palliative Medicine concerned with Haematology and Palliative Care

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This call for papers for a special issue of Palliative Medicine addresses the topic of the contribution of supportive and palliative care in the care of people with haematological malignancies and haematological complications of advanced incurable disease. Currently, the evidence base addressing haematological issues in supportive and palliative care is limited, when compared to other disease areas. The specific role of supportive and palliative care in haematological malignancies is yet to be established, and it is important that this is addressed to maximise knowledge and ultimately care quality and outcomes for people towards the end of their lives. The data which currently support the management of disease related complications of the haemostatic system such as hypercoaguability, cytopenia and bleeding is largely extrapolated from non-representative populations with variable relevance to people with advanced disease. There is therefore a clear knowledge gap in how we should deliver the best quality, multiprofessional, holistic care to people affected by haematological malignancies and haematological complications of advanced disease and their treatments, particularly near the end of life. We welcome original research which offers insights into the care of patients and family and other carers, and health and social care professionals involved in this area.

Our aim is to publish rigorous empirical original research, reviews, research methodologies or theoretical works. We seek interdisciplinary contributions from across health and social care that will appeal to an international audience of clinicians, researchers, managers, educators and policy makers. Potential topics include (but are not limited to) conceptual and practical issues related to the role and contribution of palliative care in the care of people with haematological issues and their families and other informal carers:

- The multidimensional aspects of patients and informal carers needs.
- Understanding the challenges associated with the management of haematological problems related to disease progression or treatment.
- Early supportive and palliative care interventions for those with haematological problems.
- Cooperative models of collaboration between palliative care and clinical haematology in different settings (i.e. in-patient settings, bone marrow transplantation units, outpatient clinics, community and home care).
- Clinical decision-making and other ethical issues related with disease course uncertainty, the use of aggressive treatments and end-of-life care.

It is imperative that authors carefully consider our revised author guidelines in their writing, https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/journal/palliative-medicine#submission-guidelines. Papers that do not meet these requirements will not be processed through the system. Please note that these require full attention to our authors’ checklist and the use of an appropriate publication guideline to guide manuscript preparation.

Deadline for submissions is 09/04/2018. For further information please contact the Editorial Office: debbie.ashby@bristol.ac.uk

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