

# Cicely Saunders Institute Open Seminar Series

## Integrating Palliative and Critical Care: Lessons from Recent Trials

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**Location: Dinwoodie Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor, Cicely Saunders Institute, King's College London, Bessemer Road, London SE5 9PJ**

### The Speaker

Dr. Curtis is a critical care and palliative medicine physician at the University of Washington where he is the Director of the Cambia Palliative Care Center of Excellence. His research focuses on improving palliative care for patients with critical illness and patients with chronic illnesses as well as patients' families. He has authored more than 250 peer-reviewed research articles and more than 150 editorials and chapters.

### Abstract

Because of the severity of illness, the ICU is a setting where death is common and where clinicians must commonly make decisions about the value of starting or continuing life-sustaining treatments. There is marked variability in approaches to decision-making about life-sustaining treatments in the ICU and in quality of palliative care provided. We will review a number of recent studies examining interventions to improve palliative care in the ICU and discuss implications for clinical practice.

**This event is FREE TO ATTEND - no need to register!**

The series aim is to optimise opportunities for local, national and international networking within palliative care and rehabilitation. We facilitate seminars to assist in improving practice, education and policy, and the integration of research and clinical endeavours.

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