



**Annual Scientific Meeting Programme
Royal College of Physicians: June 5th 2009.**

09:00 – 09:30	Registration & Coffee
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome & Introduction
09:45 – 10:15	PLENARY “Future issues for supportive and palliative care research in Europe” Professor Stein Kaasa, Department of Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
10:15 – 10:30	TBA – based on abstract selection
10:30 – 10:45	TBA – based on abstract selection
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee
11:00 – 11:30	PLENARY Therapist effects in randomised trials: an issue for supportive and palliative care Professor Simon Thompson, MRC Biostatistics Unit, University of Cambridge, UK
11:30 – 12:15	Parallel Sessions: 9 speakers TBA – based on abstracts selection
12:15 – 13:40	Lunch break to include Poster viewing & Meet the Expert sessions
13:00 – 13:40	Meet the Expert sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intervention Integrity Professor Amanda Ramirez & Dr Lindsay Forbes (King's College London) 2. Involving users in your research Mrs Carolyn Morris & Mr Peter Rainey (COMPASS Advisory Board Service User representatives) 3. Development and evaluation of complex interventions Professor Julia Brown & Professor Galina Velikova (University of Leeds)
13:40 – 14:55	Workshop 1: Using qualitative methods to evaluate complex interventions: integrating alternative explanations Professor Sheila Payne, International Observatory on End of Life Care Division of Health Research, Lancaster University, UK Workshop 2: Conducting cluster randomised trials Professor Massimo Costantini, Regional Palliative Care Network, National Cancer Research Institute, Italy Workshop 3: Implications of therapist variation in randomised trials: practical examples in psychotherapeutic interventions Dr Rebecca Walwyn, University of Manchester; Kings College London; MRC Clinical Trials Unit, UK
14:55 – 15:15	Coffee
15:15 – 15:30	TBA – based on abstract selection
15:30 – 15:45	TBA – based on abstract selection
15:45 – 16:00	PLENARY
16:00 – 16:30	Future Government priorities in supportive & palliative care Professor Mike Richards, National Cancer Director, Department of Health
16:30	Concluding Remarks