

# Pediatric intensive and palliative care in pediatric/neonatal intensive care units around the world

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## Plain English summary of protocol

### Background and study aims

Pediatric palliative care (PPC) is a human right and, in many cases, a foundational component of the best available standard of care. Across the world, PPC is not adequately available in a variety of clinical environments, including in many pediatric and neonatal intensive care units (PICUs /NICUs). While PPC is most popularly integrated into such units through consultative models of care in which external teams are called to address PPC needs as they are identified, integrative models of care (IMOC) also exist in which ICU personnel identify and address PPC needs within the unit as they arise. The less common IMOC may be uniquely beneficial in its ability to facilitate the delivery of care to special needs patients, maximize available resources, build local PPC capacity, and make PC available in under-resourced environments. Building international PC capacity and integrating the IMOC into PICUs/NICUs depend upon a chain of interventions like The Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care (IPPC) guidelines, which outline six domains of quality PPC. The objective of this multicenter study was to assess how different PICU/NICU centers around the world currently implement an IMOC of PPC and pediatric critical care in relation to the IPPC recommendations. In addition, this study sought to identify whether the physical environment, technological infrastructure, and human resources of each unit may shape the provision and outcomes of care in relation to IPPC guidelines.

### Who can participate?

PICUs/NICUs representing countries from the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

### What does the study involve?

Two questionnaires with multiple choice and open-ended questions were applied to all PICU /NICU centers to develop detailed descriptions of the participating units and the level of IMOC they apply.

### What are the possible benefits and risks of participating?

None



Where is the study run from?  
Colegio de Ciencias de la Salud (College of Health Sciences), Quito, Ecuador

When is the study starting and how long is it expected to run for?  
June 2016 to February 2019

Who is funding the study?  
Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador)

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Nil known

**IRAS number**

**ClinicalTrials.gov number**  
Nil known

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2016-091IN

## Study information

**Scientific Title**  
PICU MIC: Integrated care in pediatric/neonatal intensive care units around the world



**Acronym**

PICU MIC

**Study objectives**

Participating pediatric intensive care units (PICUs)/neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) implement an integrated model of care combining pediatric intensive and palliative care according to the domains outlined in the Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care (IPPC) guidelines

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Approved 15/06/2016, Comité de Ética de Investigación en Seres Humanos de la Universidad San Francisco de Quito-Committee of Bioethics Research in Human Beings (IRB) (Campus Cumbá - Diego de Robles y Vía Interoceánica Oficina G206 Casilla Postal 17-1200-841 Quito, Ecuador; (+593) 2-297-1700, ext 1149; comitebioetica@usfq.edu.ec), ref: 2016-091IN.

**Study design**

Cross-sectional prospective observational study

**Primary study design**

Observational

**Secondary study design**

Cross sectional study

**Study setting(s)**

Hospital

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use contact details to request a participant information sheet.

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Pediatric palliative and intensive care, pediatric and neonatal diseases

**Interventions**

This cross-sectional prospective study included a convenience sample of 34 (updated 02/09/2019, previously: 33) participating PICUs/NICUs representing 18 countries from the Americas, Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Two questionnaires with multiple choice and open-ended questions were applied to all centers to develop detailed descriptions of the participating units.

Questionnaire 1 focused exclusively on unit infrastructure, technology availability, and personnel ratios. Questionnaire 2 gathered further data on personnel, policies, and limited clinical and demographic data on a small sample of currently admitted patients.

Based on the IPPC recommendations, Questionnaire 2 inquired about practices related to the IPPC (The Initiative for Pediatric Palliative Care (IPPC): Quality domains, goals and indicators for family-centered care of children living with life-threatening conditions) domains:



1. Holistic care
2. Family support
3. Child-family unit involvement in care
4. Control of pain and other symptoms
5. Continuity of care
6. Support for grief and bereavement

The sum of these data reflects important aspects of the models of care employed in participating PICUs

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Primary outcome measure**

Adherence of PICUs/NICUs to the IPPC's recommendations assessed using questionnaire 2.

**Secondary outcome measures**

PICUs/NICUs unit infrastructure, technology availability, and personnel ratios assessed by questionnaire 1.

**Overall study start date**

19/10/2015

**Completion date**

01/02/2019

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. PICUs/NICUs
2. Local IRB approval to take part in the study

**Participant type(s)**

Other

**Age group**

Other

**Sex**

Not Specified

**Target number of participants**

34 centers

**Key exclusion criteria**

ICUs that are not solely for pediatric/neonatal patients.

**Date of first enrolment**

01/06/2016

**Date of final enrolment**



01/07/2018

## **Locations**

### **Countries of recruitment**

Argentina

Bolivia

Chile

China

Ecuador

Ethiopia

Ghana

India

Italy

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**Funder Name**

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Planned publication in a high-impact peer-reviewed journal.

**Intention to publish date**

15/08/2019

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

The current data sharing plans for this study are unknown and will be available at a later date

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Available on request

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>		28/10/2021	26/11/2021	Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>		05/10/2021	26/11/2021	Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>		15/11/2021	18/08/2023	Yes	No