

Table 2 Expert panel of consensus process

Country	Name	Institutional affiliation	Member Network	Previous studies	Most relevant publication titles on palliative care development
Egypt	Samy Alsirafy	Palliative Medicine Unit, Kasr Al-Ainy Center of Clinical Oncology & Nuclear Medicine, School of Medicine, Cairo University	Yes	Yes (EMRO Atlas, 2017)	Preferred place of death for patients with incurable cancer and their family caregivers in Egypt
Egypt	Reda S. Rizkallah	Children's Cancer Hospital - Egypt	No	No	Palliative care research in Northern Africa
Islamic Republic of Iran	Maryam Rassouli	Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences, Tehran	Yes	Yes (EMRO Atlas 2017)	Palliative care in the health system of Iran: a review of the present status and the future
Iraq	Samaher A. Fadhil	Children's Welfare Teaching Hospital, Pediatric Oncology Center, Baghdad Medical City	Yes	No	The current situation of palliative care services in Iraq
Jordan	Omar Shamieh	Department of Palliative Care, King Hussein Cancer Center	Yes	No	Gaining palliative medicine subspecialty recognition and fellowship accreditation in Jordan
Kuwait	Iman Al Dirri	Kuwait Cancer Control Center	Yes	No	—
Lebanon	Hibah Osman	Balsam - Lebanese Center for Palliative Care	Yes	Yes (Atlas EMRO 2017)	Assessing physicians' perception of home based palliative care services in the Beirut area
	Huda Abu-Saad Huijjer	School of Nursing, American University of Beirut	Yes	Yes (Atlas EMRO 2017)	A mapping of nursing and midwifery research in the EMR
	Myrna A. A. Doumit	Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing, Lebanese American University	Yes	No	The lived experience of Lebanese oncology patients receiving palliative care
Morocco	Asmaa El Azhari	Palliative Care Department of Mohammed VI Center for the Treatment of Cancer UHC Ibn Rochd Casablanca	Yes	No	—
Oman	Bassim Al Bahrani	National Oncology Centre, Royal Hospital, Muscat	Yes	Yes (Atlas EMRO 2017)	The need for regulatory reforms in the use of opioids for pain
Pakistan	Muhammad Atif Waqar	The Aga Khan University, Karachi	Yes	No	Provision of palliative care for oncological patients in Pakistan: a review of challenges and current practices, 2021.
Occupied Palestinian Territory	Hani S. Ayyash	European Gaza Hospital	Yes	Yes (Atlas EMRO 2017)	Training for awareness of one's own spirituality: a key factor in overcoming barriers to the provision of spiritual care to advanced cancer patients by doctors and nurses
Qatar	Azza A.I. Hassan	National Center of Cancer Care and Research-Hamad Medical Corporation	Yes	No	The Middle East Cancer Consortium promotes palliative care
Saudi Arabia	Sami A. Alshammary	King Fahad Medical City, Ministry of Health, Riyadh	Yes	No	Palliative care in Saudi Arabia: two decades of progress and going strong
United Arab Emirates	Mona Tareen	American Hospital Dubai	No	No	Impact of palliative care screening and consultation in the ICU: a multihospital quality improvement project