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Since 1991, Sophie Colleau has served as Editor of *Cancer Pain Release*, the publication of the WHO Pain and Palliative Care Communications Program. This publication supports WHO's Cancer Control Program; it focuses on increasing health professionals' awareness that pain and symptom relief are essential to palliative care and can be provided even if resources are limited. [www.who.int/cancer/palliative/en/]

As editor, Dr. Colleau writes in collaboration with expert clinicians about methods to control pain due to the diseases of cancer, HIV-AIDS, and other chronic terminal conditions. More recently the publication has discussed painful symptoms due to the treatment of cancer (e.g. chemotherapy-induced neuropathy) and of HIV disease (e.g. radiotherapy-induced mucositis). The safety, efficacy and patterns of use of analgesics, the provision of adequate pain care to children and the vulnerable elderly, the role of the nurse and of the pharmacist on the palliative care team are regular features of *Cancer Pain Release*. [www.WHOcancerpain.wisc.edu]

Dr. Colleau is involved with professional organizations, governments and non-governmental organizations in several countries to improve access to professional education resources in pain control and palliative care on a global scale and oversees distribution of *Cancer Pain Release* nationally and internationally.

[[www.jpsmjournal.com/article/0885-3924\(96\)00109-1/abstractref](http://www.jpsmjournal.com/article/0885-3924(96)00109-1/abstractref)].

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Dr. Colleau has published on the prevalence and severity of pain in patients with cancer [www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/310/6986/1034] and about the undertreatment of pain in HIV disease [www.bmj.com/cgi/content/full/314/7073/23]. She has contributed to research on physicians' attitudes and knowledge toward pain control and morphine prescribing [www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/112688748/abstract].

Dr. Colleau is a member of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC), the American Association for Cancer Education (AACE) and the Latin American Association of Palliative Care (ALCP). She has lectured in Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, and the United States.

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