

The University of Wisconsin Pain & Policy Studies Group (PPSG) recently hosted a 5-person delegation from Romania to examine and recommend changes in the Romanian regulatory system. The purpose of this project is to make opioid analgesics more accessible to patients for pain relief and palliative care. The delegation included regulatory experts from the Ministry of Health, as well as representatives of oncology, palliative care, pharmacology and pharmacy.

In 2003, PPSG worked with a Palliative Care Commission in Romania to recommend changes to the national narcotics control law. This law dates from the Communist era, and severely limits the use of opioid analgesics in today's hospice and palliative care programs. During this recent visit, PPSG worked with the delegation to draft a regulation that will implement the new law and the simplified prescription system.

The attached (PDF) article explains more about the situation in Romania and the objectives of this project.

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