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### **Easing physical suffering**

Physical suffering is a main contributor to global suffering of children with cancer and their families and also health care professionals. Easing physical suffering is thus a major task of palliative care in a child with advanced cancer. It includes clear medical decisions, anticipation of symptoms and best possible symptom control. In my presentation, I will address most important symptoms in the care of these children and how these can be relieved. A focus will be on intractable cancer pain, dyspnea, ascites and challenges of phase I and II treatment trials in the context of palliative care.