

Palliative care services

PAY-W Clinic



OVERVIEW: Low-income cancer patients often lack access to adequate palliative care services. The PAY-W ('Pay As You Wish') Clinic offers free or affordable palliative care services directly and through their not-for-profit partners to cancer patients with low income, primarily from indigenous communities in LMIC and countries affected by civil war.



Area of focus:

Support for patients with ABC/mBC

Target population:

Advanced cancer patients in LMIC or politically unstable countries

Objectives: To offer free or affordable palliative care services to low-income cancer patients

Unmet needs addressed:

- Low-income cancer patients, including those with ABC/mBC, often lack of access to affordable palliative care. The PAY-W Clinic offers patients a 'Pay As You Wish' option of paying what he/she can afford

Key components:

- Palliative care services for advanced cancer patients (including mBC), provided directly by the PAY-W Clinic and through partnerships with not-for-profit NGOs
- Alcohol and tobacco addiction treatment, provided through the PAY-W Clinic's partner STEPS foundation, India

Challenges: To identify affordable and reliable palliative care organizations in the countries where the PAY-W Clinic has patient referrals. The Clinic is still searching for palliative care organizations in Kenya, Ethiopia and the Philippines

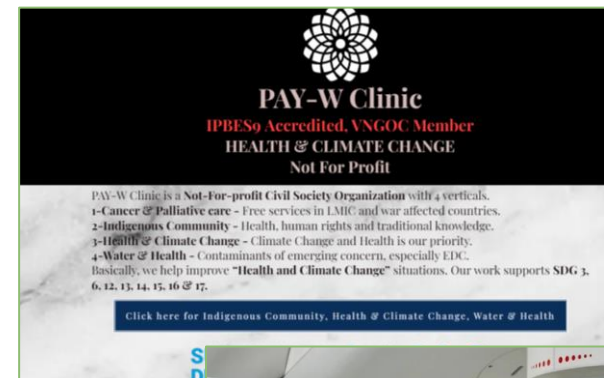
Outcomes: Over 100 patients from 8 countries have benefited from the PAY-W Clinic's services so far, including India, Pakistan, Iraq, Philippines, Kenya, Ethiopia, Kosovo, and Australia

Development: The PAY-W Clinic team has 10 members dedicated to the administrative, legal, technical and medical work at their headquarter in India. Activities are funded by donations

Cost: <€5,000

Timeline: The initiative was started formally by Dr Suryakanta Acharya in 2017 as a lifelong project. Since 2021 it has operated as a not-for-profit initiative

Targeted to reach: 60-150



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Based on written submission from Dr Suryakanta Acharya, Pay-W Clinic, 2022. The Hard-to-Reach ABC/mBC Communities Toolkit was developed as a collaboration between Pfizer Oncology and the ABC Global Alliance, with funding and support provided by Pfizer. ABC Global Alliance members and Pfizer colleagues were invited to submit breast cancer community-based initiatives that address specific needs of underserved patient populations with advanced/metastatic breast cancer. Initiatives were evaluated against criteria determined by a steering committee with members from both Pfizer and the ABC Global Alliance. Initiatives were selected for inclusion in the toolkit to highlight best practices in addressing the unique needs of this patient population. All organizations who submitted their initiatives for consideration have provided permission for the initiative information to be included in the toolkit and shared publicly. Pfizer and the ABC Global Alliance bear no responsibility for the contents of the toolkit.

Ethnic, religious, indigenous/native populations and/or other historically marginalised groups	Younger patients	Older patients	Men	LGBTQ+ patients	Low health knowledge patients
Patients who lack an adequate caregiver or support system	Patients who mistrust conventional treatments	Low income patients			
Patients a long distance from a specialist centre	Patients with uncontrolled comorbidities	Mental health patients			