

Emeritus Professor Sam H Ahmedzai – Brief bio July 2016

Sam is Emeritus Professor at the Medical School at University of Sheffield, with 30 years' experience of being consultant physician in palliative medicine. His academic and clinical career covered - cancer pain and opioid drugs; symptom management in advanced diseases; holistic needs and quality of life assessment; improving supportive care services for cancer and chronic disease patients; advocating patient and public involvement in cancer research.

Sam chaired the 2015 UK NICE guideline for care of the dying adult (NG31) and he is clinical advisor to the new NICE guideline committee on service delivery in the last year of life. He is clinical lead for the Royal College of Physicians of London's national audit of end of life care, published in March 2016. He is NIHR national specialty lead for cancer research outside the acute hospital and chairs the NCRI's Clinical Studies Group on Supportive and Palliative Care. Sam is editor in chief of 'Current Opinion in Supportive and Palliative Care' and of the Oxford Textbook series on 'Supportive Care'.