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Dr. Harvey Max Chochinov is a Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba (Canada) and a Senior Scientist at the Research Institute of Oncology and Haematology. His publications addressing psychosocial dimensions of palliation have helped define core-competencies and standards of end-of-life care. His research has been supported by various agencies, including the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute and the National Institute of Health. His work has explored various dimensions of palliative medicine, such as depression, desire for death, will to live and dignity at the end of life. He is also the Founder of the Canadian Virtual Hospice. He is a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal and the Order of Manitoba. In 2014, he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Canada for his work in palliative care. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Dr. Chochinov is the 2010 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology and the 2010 International Psycho-Oncology Society's Bernard Fox Memorial Award, for his research and leadership in psycho-oncology. In 2020 he was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

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Professor Lili Tang is a Psychiatrist and Director of the Department of Psycho-Oncology, Peking University Cancer Hospital (China). She is also the President of Chinese Psycho-Oncology Society (CPOS) and Beijing Psycho-Oncology Society (BPOS) and Vice President of Chinese Geriatric Oncology Society Palliative Care Committee, Chinese Association of Palliative Medicine and Humanistic Care (CAHPC), Chinese Gerontology and Geriatrics Society, Chapter of Tumor Rehabilitation (CSGOR), Psychosomatic Medicine Society of Chinese Association for Mental Health, Cancer Rehabilitation Society of World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies. Professor Tang has been actively practicing in the field of Psycho-Oncology for over 20 years and has been contributing to the development of psycho-oncology in China. She has supervised more than 15 postgraduate students on psycho-oncology in Peking University. Professor Tang edited the first textbook of Psycho-oncology and the first Chinese Psychosocial Oncology Therapy Guidelines for Cancer patients in China. She has been holding a continuing education program of psycho-oncology and doctor-patient communication for 7 years and over 2000 clinicians participated in this program.

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Dr. M. R. Rajagopal is a palliative care physician and founder-chairman of Pallium India, a non-governmental palliative care organization based in Kerala, India. He is also the director of Trivandrum Institute of Palliative Sciences (TIPS), the WHO Collaborating Centre at Trivandrum. He is often referred to as the “father of palliative care in India” in honor of his significant contributions to palliative care in India. As founder and chairman of Pallium India, Dr. Rajagopal works to create an India in which palliative care is integrated in all health care so that every person has access to effective pain relief and quality palliative care along with disease-specific treatment and across the continuum of care. His initiatives have contributed to the development of a government policy on Palliative Care in the state of Kerala and an amendment to India's Narcotic Act in 2014 allowing for the simplification of narcotic regulations in 17 of India’s 29 states. Dr. Rajagopal is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. In 2018, the Indian Government honored him with the Padma Shri award, the third highest civilian award given annually from the Republic of India. He has also been named one of the 30 most influential leaders in hospice and palliative medicine by American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Rajagopal is recipient of many prestigious honors like a Visionary in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in 2018 by American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Alison Des Forges Award for Extraordinary Activism in 2014, Marie Nyswander award in 2008, “Care and Share” annual award in 2007 and many more to his credit.