

**Preconference Nursing and Allied Health Professions Education Day
2026**

organized by the WG on Nursing and Allied Professionals

Themes:

**Current Practices – Palliative care what do we do and how can we improve this
across the ages?**

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Innovation in Action – AI, VR and the Human Touch in Congenital Heart Disease Care

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Session 1: What do we need to know about Palliative Care?

Chairs: Lynda Shaughnessy, UK & Chantal Etter, Switzerland

09:00 - 09:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	
09:10 - 09:30	The importance of early involvement of paediatric palliative care for patients with severe congenital heart disease	Sophie Bertaud, UK
09:30 - 09:50	What role does culture or religion play in palliative care?	Chaima Ahaddour, Belgium
09:50 - 10:10	Advanced Care Planning in Adolescence / ACHD care	Corina Thomet, Switzerland
10:10 - 10:30	Risky Behaviours	Sheena Vernon, UK
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	

Session 2: The role of the MDT in Palliative Care

Chairs: TBA & TBA

11:00 - 11:15	Nurse	Eva Goossens, Belgium & Philip Moons, Belgium
11:15 - 11:30	Psychologist	Jo Wray, UK
11:30 - 11:45	Physiotherapist / Dietician	TBA
11:45 – 12:00	Social Worker	Melanie Baran, Switzerland

11:55 - 12:15	Cardiologist	Markus Schwerzman, Canada & Angela Oxenius, Switzerland
12:15 -12:30	Panel Discussion Q&A	All Speakers
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	
Session 3: Enhancing Holistic Care with AI and VR Chairs: Ewa-Lena Bratt, Sweden & Jo Wray, UK		
13:30 - 13:50	Smart monitoring and AI	Chloé Desmedt, Belgium
13:50 - 14:10	Movement and Motivation	Laura Willinger, Germany
14:10 - 14:30	Inclusivity – will AI and Digital Technology enable or be a barrier to better care for all?	Aycan Kucukkaya, Turkey & Philip Moons, Belgium
14:30 - 14:50	Building a digitally empowered workforce – what skills do we need?	Adrienne Cottam, UK
14:50 – 15:00	Close and Final Remarks	Ewa-Lena Bratt, Sweden