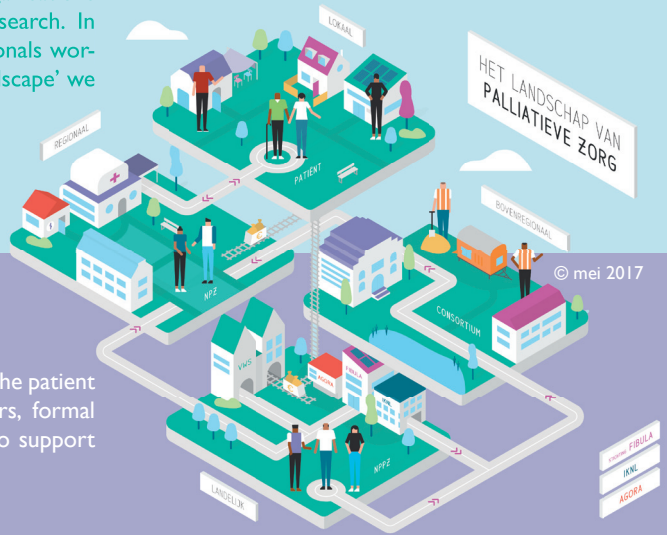


Palliative care landscape in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands, palliative care (PC) is approached as non-specialized care, providing equitable access for all. The WHO definition is leading. Many organisations are involved in PC in the Netherlands. Some are providing PC, some are supporting PC and there are organisations mainly concerning education and research. In order to give an overview to professionals working in healthcare of this complex 'landscape' we made this infographic.

In this infographic we choose to order the 'landscape' in a local level, a regional level, a top-regional level and a national level. Also the relation between organisations is indicated.



LOCAL

In the centre and on top, it starts with the patient and his relatives. Healthcare providers, formal and informal caregivers are available to support the patient and his relatives.

REGIONAL

Organisations providing PC work together in a Regional Palliative Care Network (RPCN) in order to coordinate, to signal bottlenecks, to facilitate solutions and to inform patient and professionals. Goal is that patients in the region have access to a diverse PC offer of good quality. There are 66 Regional Palliative Care Networks (RPCNs) across the country.

TOP-REGIONAL

Activities in this level are provided by a PC consortium. The seven consortia are divided around an academic centre. A consortium is a cooperation between the RPCNs, Comprehensive Cancer Centre- PC, academic expert centre PC (EPZ) and educational institutions. In this way research, care and education will be developed in cohesion so that they reinforce other.

NATIONAL

The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sports declared a National Programme PC (NPPZ, 2015-2020). This programme stimulates organisations to apply for grants in conjunction with each other in a way that research, care and education fill in the gaps on the following themes: Awareness & Culture, Organisation & Continuity, Innovation & Quality and Patient participation & Support. The ministry is advised by many national organisations supporting PC brought together in a core group PC and a steering committee NPPZ.