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Fiona Kiely is a Consultant in Palliative Medicine at Marymount University Hospital & Hospice, Cork, Ireland and Senior Clinical Lecturer, University College Cork, Ireland. She leads interdisciplinary teams in the care of patients with complex palliative care needs in the community, acute hospitals and a 44-bed specialist palliative care inpatient unit. She is also currently studying for her PhD at the International Observatory of End of Life Care, Division of Health Research, Lancaster University. Her research is focused on experiences of immunotherapy in advanced cancers.

Dr. Kiely is dual qualified as a general practitioner and holds diplomas in Medicine of the Elderly, Child Health, Clinical Psychiatry and Clinical Dermatology awarded by the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Cardiff University. Additional postgraduate scholarships have included a clinical observership in the Harvard Medical School-affiliated Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, as well as clinical experience in Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Australia.

Research interests and publications include topics such as early integration of palliative care, complex communication in serious illness, information transfer out-of-hours for community palliative care patients, structured outcome measurement in palliative care and the use of big data and technology to support the delivery of specialist palliative care. She has over 30 publications in peer-reviewed journals and has collaborated on and (co) led funded research in excess of 7.5 million euros. She has designed and directed the first national Telehealth in Palliative Medicine Fellowship Programme in conjunction with the Royal College of Physicians Ireland and the Health Service Executive. Dr. Kiely has also developed and delivered content for the newly launched MSc in Palliative Care in conjunction with University College Cork. She has a track record in participating and leading at national and international professional fora and is current Vice-Chair of the Irish Palliative Medicine Consultant's Association.