

BIOGRAPHICAL PAGE

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Dr. Bruera obtained his medical degree from the University of Rosario, in Argentina. He trained in Medical Oncology and in 1984 he relocated to the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada where he directed the clinical and academic palliative care programs until 1999. In 1999 Dr. Bruera joined The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center where he currently holds the F.T. McGraw Chair in the Treatment of Cancer and is the Chair of the Department of Palliative Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine. He was medical director of the outpatient Supportive Care center for 15 years until 2018.

Dr. Bruera's main clinical interest is the care of the physical and psychosocial distress of patients with advanced cancer and the support of their families. He established and led, for the first five years of operations, the Edmonton Regional and Palliative Care program. He later established and currently leads the Department of Palliative, Rehabilitation and Integrative Medicine at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center since 1999.

Dr. Bruera has been interested in the development of palliative care programs internationally and helped in the establishment of numerous palliative care programs in Latin America, India, and different areas of Europe. He has held leadership roles with the World Health Organization, the Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer, the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care and Cicely Saunders International.

Dr. Bruera has trained hundreds of physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals in the different aspects of the clinical delivery of palliative care. He established the first academic fellowship program in palliative care at the University of Alberta in Canada and one of the first academic palliative care fellowships in the United States at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Bruera has more than 1300 peer reviewed publications (h- index 112) and has edited 40 books. He has given more than 900 major invited lectures. He has received multiple Federal research grants in the US and Canada.

Dr. Bruera has received a number of national and international awards from the American Cancer Society (Lane Adams), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (Supportive care), the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award. He was awarded the Sigillum Magnum (most prestigious award) by the University of Bologna (2023). He was awarded the 2022 Balfour Mount professorship by the Royal College of Physicians of Canada.

Dr Bruera has been named a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, and King's College London. He has received honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Montreal (2017) and Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (2023), and distinguished visitor of the Catholic University of Cordoba,

The Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians has established the “Eduardo Bruera Award” as a career award for palliative care specialists. The Latin American Association for Palliative Care established in 2018 the “Eduardo Bruera” career award for research.