



Dr. Romaine Gallagher, MD, CCFP

Romaine Gallagher trained as a family physician, receiving her MD from the University of British Columbia and her certification from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Her clinical experience includes being a family physician for 12 years and a consultant in palliative care for over 17 years.

Dr. Gallagher was the founding director of the Division of Palliative Care at the University of British Columbia from 1997 to 2003. She helped establish undergraduate, post-graduate and interprofessional teaching in palliative care at the University. Dr. Gallagher also established a public forum on death and dying, the first of its kind. It ran for over 5 years and has replicated by others in North America and Europe.

Dr. Gallagher is currently the Head, Division of Residential Care, part of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at Providence Health Care. She is also the Physician Program Director for the Palliative Care and Residential Care Programs, both at Providence Health Care. She works as a palliative care consultant at their five residential care facilities associated with Providence Health Care. Her current work is to further palliative care in residential care facilities and to encourage more research in caring for older adults.

Dr. Gallagher is a Clinical Professor in the Division of Palliative Care at UBC. She has published a number of research articles and authored chapters in palliative care and pain management publications.

Dr. Gallagher was Co-Chair of the Public Information and Awareness Working Group of the National Strategy on Palliative and End-of-Life Care that ended in 2007, but continues advocacy work through the Quality End-of-Life Care Coalition. She has worked as a consultant for Pallium, a federally-funded initiative to improve palliative care education and frequently speaks at continuing medical education events and conferences. Dr. Gallagher worked with other healthcare professionals and colleagues in the provincial Ministry of Health Services to establish the BC Palliative Care Benefits Program that funds medications and supplies to those wishing to be at home at the end of their lives.