

## New focus on role of physical therapy in palliative care

**The relief of symptoms in terminally ill patients through physiotherapy is an important but often overlooked aspect of multi-professional palliative care. Now the subject is to be addressed at a special meeting of the European Association for Palliative Care.**

The meeting on physical therapy in palliative care will be held on 7th May, before the 11th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care at the Austria Centre, Vienna. It gives the opportunity to share knowledge, discuss issues with colleagues from different countries and focus on the future development of the profession in this field.

Issues to be covered include:

- symptom control using physiotherapy (breathlessness, fear, pain, oedema)
- autonomy and independence
- physical training
- education and training
- the right time for physiotherapy interventions.

For more information go to the official congress homepage [www.eapcnet.org/Vienna2009/index.html](http://www.eapcnet.org/Vienna2009/index.html) or contact Rainer Simader [palliativecare@physioaustria.at](mailto:palliativecare@physioaustria.at)