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### The value of alleviating suffering and dignifying death in war and humanitarian crises

*THE LANCET* | Online – 21 March 2022 – Despite a vast literature on humanitarian crisis response, palliative care, pain relief, and care for the dying and bereaved need increased and urgent attention, particularly in the context of armed conflict. The devastating humanitarian crisis in Ukraine raises the vital importance of these issues. In Ukraine, attending to the seriously ill and dying is complicated by the trauma and instability of war, as well as the unfolding COVID-19 pandemic in a country with low vaccination coverage. Organizations such as Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations & Emergencies (PallCHASE) have called for multisectoral global leaders and governments to ensure timely measures are enacted to maintain human dignity for those with serious health-related suffering during the conflict.<sup>1</sup> **Full text:** <https://bit.ly/37Vs44t>

#### On the War in Ukraine

eHospice: <https://bit.ly/3Lb73kh>  
<https://bit.ly/3Jya0uY>

European Association for Palliative Care Blog:  
<https://bit.ly/36BL5YE>

International Children's Palliative Care Network:  
<https://bit.ly/3wYUfJ>

Médecins Sans Frontières: <https://bit.ly/3CkF6mR>

United Nations Office for the Coordination  
of Humanitarian Affairs: <https://bit.ly/3LeYuFj>

1. 'Palliative Care in Humanitarian Aid Situations & Emergencies Statement on the Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine,' PallCHASE, 2 March 2022. [Noted in Media Watch 6 March 2022 (Supplement, p.1)] <https://bit.ly/3hEtiTf>

Noted In Media Watch 6 March 2022 (Supplement #1):

- 'Terminally ill children flee war-torn Kharkiv on makeshift medical train,' CNN (Cable News Network), published online 5 March 2022. <https://bit.ly/3txoLHM>



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