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Dr. Kathleen M. Foley is an Attending Neurologist in the Pain & Palliative Care Service at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and is also Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience, and Clinical Pharmacology at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, and previous Director of the WHO Collaborating Center for Cancer Pain

Research and Education at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She holds the Chair of the Society of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Pain Research. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences for her national and international efforts in the treatment of patients with cancer pain. She is the past Director of the Project on Death in America of the Open Society Foundation whose goal was to transform the culture of dying in the United States through initiatives in research, scholarship and clinical care. Dr. Foley is currently the Medical Director of the International Palliative Care Initiative of the Public Health Program of the Open Society Foundation working to advance palliative care globally.

Dr. Foley has focused her career on the assessment and treatment of patients with cancer pain. With her colleagues, she has developed scientific guidelines for the use of analgesic drug therapy through clinic pharmacologic studies of opioid drugs.

Dr. Foley has received numerous awards and honors for her work. She received the Distinguished Service Award and the Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society, the David Karnovsky Award from American Society of Clinical Oncology, and the Frank Netter Award from the American Academy of Neurology. She is a previous Rita Allen Scholar.

Dr. Foley chaired three expert committees that resulted in the publication of the three WHO monographs on Cancer Pain and Palliative Care; “Cancer Pain Relief” (1996), “Cancer Pain Relief and Palliative Care” (1990), and “Cancer Pain and Palliative Care in Children” (1996).