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Fraser Black is the Medical Director of Victoria Hospice in Victoria, Canada as well as the Associate Director of the PAX (Palliative Access Program) of the International Network for Cancer Treatment and Research (INCTR). The

INCTR is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1998 by the UICC (International Union Against Cancer) and the Institut Pasteur in Brussels. It is dedicated to helping build capacity for cancer treatment and research in countries in which such capacity is presently limited. The goal of the PAX Program is to assist developing countries in initiating and sustaining effective palliative care programs for their countries in order to provide an improved quality of life for patients living with life-limiting illnesses. Through the work of the PAX program Dr. Black has been involved with palliative care initiatives in many countries including Nepal, India, Tanzania and Brazil.

Dr. Black received both his Bachelor of Science and Medical Degree from the University of Calgary before going on to do his Family Medicine residency training there. He subsequently became a Fellow of the Canadian College of Family Physicians (FCFP) and has practiced full time palliative care over the last 12 years. He previously worked as a palliative care physician at Canuck Place in Vancouver, Canada which at the time was the first children's hospice in North America.

In addition to his work with Victoria Hospice and the INCTR he is also a consultant with the BC Cancer Agency, Pain and Symptom Management Program.

He is an Associate Clinical Professor with the University of British Columbia and an author of many journal articles and a contributing author to palliative care texts including the INCTR Palliative Care Handbook.