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Lukas Radbruch holds the Chair of Palliative Medicine at the RWTH University of Aachen and is founding Director of the Department of Palliative Medicine at University Hospital, Aachen. He holds this position since 2003, when the unit had been set up. He is president of the European Association

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Dr. Radbruch has attended medical school in Bonn, graduating in 1985. He then studied general medicine at St Elisabeth Hospital in Gerolstein and subsequently completed accredited specialist training in anaesthetics. He worked as a research fellow and clinician in the [pain clinic](#) of the [University of Cologne](#) and chaired the pain clinic from 1995 to 2003, when he changed to the current position in Aachen. He has finished his Habilitation (the German equivalent of a PhD) in 2000, as the first thesis in anaesthesiology and palliative care in Germany. He has published extensively, with his main research interests are symptom assessment, opioid treatment, fatigue, cachexie and ethical issues in palliative care. He is leading a workpackage in the [European Palliative Care Research Collaborative \(EPCRC\)](#) and coordinates the project Access To Opioid Medication in Europe (ATOME) which is funded by the 7th Framework of the European Commission. He is married, with two children, three Islandic horses and a dog.