



# THE INSTITUTE FOR PALLIATIVE MEDICINE

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## INTERNATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



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Dr. Cuong graduated the Hanoi Medical University in Vietnam in 1993. He earned his masters degree and resident physician degree in 1997. He is currently working in the Infectious Diseases Department of Bach Mai hospital and is the Chief of HIV out-patient clinic. He is also pursuing a PhD program at the Department of Public Health Sciences, Division of International Health, Karolinska Institute, Sweden.

As a medical doctor from 1998 to 2004, he worked at the Intensive Care Unit of National Institute for Clinical Research in Tropical Medicine in Hanoi. He worked with diagnosis and treatment of infectious and tropical diseases common in Vietnam including: HIV/AIDS, avian influenza, viral hepatitis, typhoid fever, Dengue hemorrhagic fever, malaria, tetanus, tuberculosis, meningitis.

From 1999 to 2005, he taught at the Department of Infectious Diseases of Hanoi Medical University. Since 2005, he has been an advocate for palliative care programs in Vietnam and has been able to conduct the rapid situational analysis of Palliative care in HIV/AIDS and cancer patients. In 2004, he joined a technical work group for HIV/AIDS, providing technical assistance on HIV care and treatment for some NGOs and Vietnam Administration of AIDS Control (VAAC) by reviewing the training materials and National Guidelines on HIV/AIDS. From 2005 to 2006, he worked as a program Officer of Care and Treatment at Family Health International (FHI/VN), he monitored the HIV care and treatment projects to establish a model “continuum of care” for people living with HIV/AIDS. He is working closely with Dr Eric Krakauer from Harvard University and the Ministry of Health in developing the National Guidelines, training materials and curricula on palliative care. In 2008, he attended the 3-month course to become a national fellow on palliative care and was able to then provide Palliative Care training for other physicians from all provinces in Vietnam.

#### **Selected Leadership / Skill Building Activities:**

1. Establishing and leading Palliative Care unit
2. Improve Palliative Care teaching skills