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Dr. Lunder works in a 19-bed Palliative Care Department and performs Palliative Care consultations for the acute hospital wards.

Urska works closely with the Ministry of Health, Universities, Health Care Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations: National program for Palliative Care, The Action Plan, Pilot Study in three regions, Introducing integrated care pathways and cooperation in the workshops organized by WHO and the Ministry of Health for the development of the primary care network for Palliative Care, Cooperation with the Drug Agency for the introduction of the missing essential Palliative Care drugs to Slovenia.

Urska is involved with many research projects such as the European Project with 9 European Countries: OPCARE-9, Improvement of care of cancer patients in the last days of life, lead by the Liverpool research group and Demographic assessments and analyses of Slovene palliative care status.

Dr. Lunder is dedicated to not only her own personal growth but that of others through teaching. She has been deeply involved in the advance of Palliative Care on many levels:

Working Institution: introduction of syringe drivers for SC administration of drugs; protocol and criteria for the dying process – introduction of the Liverpool Integrated Clinical Pathway; development of the complete palliative care team

Local Level: pilot study on coordination of patients in EOL care locally and in other two regions; education on PC for community nurses and GPs locally at their institutions

National Level: development of the Liverpool-CP for hospitals, nursing homes, hospices and home care; the common Edmonton care pathways for PC; The National PC program, The Action Plan.