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Dr. Ferris is particularly interested in strategies for integrating palliative care into existing healthcare systems worldwide. He has published and spoken widely on multiple palliative care subjects and effective approaches to education and program implementation.

### Other Appointments:

- Clinical Associate Professor of Hospice and Palliative Care, [Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), Athens, Ohio
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, [Ohio State University College of Medicine](#), Columbus, Ohio
- Clinical Professor, Voluntary, Department of [Family & Preventative Medicine](#), [University of California, San Diego School of Medicine](#)
- Assistant Professor, Adjunct, [Department of Family and Community Medicine](#), [University of Toronto](#), Canada
- Member, Board of Trustees, [OhioHealth Research and Innovation Institute](#), Columbus, Ohio, August 2013-Present

### Key Accomplishments:

- Principal of the [International Leadership Development Initiative](#) and the [International Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program](#)
- Member of the Board, [International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care](#), 2008-2013
- Fellow and Past President, [American Association for Cancer Education](#) (FAACE), 2010
- Coprincipal and Author / Editor, [Education on Palliative and End-of-life Care \(EPEC\)](#) and [EPEC-Oncology](#) Projects, Chicago, IL
- Author / Editor, *A Model to Guide Hospice Palliative Care: based on National Principles and Norms Of Practice*, [Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association \(CHPCA\)](#) for which he was awarded a Golden Jubilee Medal of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by the Governor General of Canada, May 2003, and a National Leadership Award by CHPCA in September 2005

### Education / Honors:

- 2014 Master Faculty Award, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dublin, Ohio, July 2015
- Doctoris Honoris Causa degree from Tbilisi State University, February 2011.
- Fellow, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (FAAHPM), 2008
- Faculty Scholar, [Project on Death in America](#), 1998-2000
- Board Certified, Hospice & Palliative Medicine, [American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine](#), 1998-Present
- Fellowship, Pain and Symptom Management, [Toronto-Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre](#), 1987-1991
- Postgraduate training, Internal Medicine and Radiation Oncology, [University of Toronto](#), 1981-1987
- Medical Degree, [McMaster Medical School](#), Hamilton, Ontario, 1981
- Honors Bachelor of Science Degree, Cooperative Applied Chemistry, [University of Waterloo](#), 1975

## Key Publications

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**How to Ensure Good Quality Palliative Care: a Spanish Model, Part 1.** Gómez-Batiste X, Ferris F, Picaza J, Paz S, Espinosa J, Porta-Sales J, Esperalba J. European J Palliat Care, 2008;15(3):. [See Online](#).

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