

## **Bruce Davis Gold Medal Examination 2025**

This Gold Medal is named after Mr. Wilfrid Bruce Davis, MBE. He has supported many palliative care projects in India including the construction of the Institute of Palliative Medicine at Kozhikode. Mr. Bruce Davis was born in 1925 into a mining engineering family, eventually becoming managing director of Davis Derby, the Company founded by his great- great grandfather in 1779.

In 1967, following the death of a close friend and his mother from cancer, he founded the W.B.Davis Charitable Trust. From very small beginnings, in 1979 the Trust built up a team of Macmillan nurses in Cornwall and also Marie Curie nurses who visited cancer patients in their own homes. In 1982, the Trust founded a small Hospice in the West of Cornwall, St Julia's, named after Bruce's mother. This was mainly staffed by nuns of the Sisters of the Cross of Liege.

The Charity first worked Overseas in the 1980's, starting in Hong Kong. Projects commenced in India in the mid-90's and mainly centred in Kozhikode when the Trust was put in touch with a vital, forward-looking, team running the Pain & Palliative Care Society there. It was then decided to fund the building of what is now the Institute of Palliative Medicine. Mr. Bruce has contributed immensely to the palliative care programs in India. Mr. Bruce Davis lived in Feock, Cornwall, UK and always kept a close association with palliative care programs in India.

### **Obituary**

Mr. Wilfrid Bruce Davis, MBE is no longer with us. His demise on 11th April 2018 has created a void in the field of Palliative Care which cannot be easily filled. Many palliative care activists consider him a dear friend and benefactor and feel the pain of having a part of them being taken away. Millions of people who have never known him have lost a friend whom they never knew. Institute of Palliative Medicine has initiated the Gold Medal in 2005 in his honour. We hope this program will help to improve awareness about palliative care among junior doctors in India.

**Bruce Davis Gold Medal Examination was launched by Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode, India, in 2005 with an aim to improve awareness about palliative care among young doctors in India.** This is the only national level program to honour junior doctors for their excellence in Palliative Medicine.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Doctors who appear for their final MBBS examination in the current year (2025) and those who have successfully completed MBBS **not earlier than 2020** from any recognized Medical College in India are eligible.

In the case of candidates undergoing MD in Palliative Medicine, only those who have joined for the course after **NEET PG 2025 are eligible to apply. Which means those who are doing the 2nd and 3rd year of MD in Palliative Medicine are excluded.** If qualified for **Final Level III examination (Refer below)** the candidate has to bring original or certified proof of their qualifying examination.

## **THE EXAMINATION INCLUDES THREE LEVELS**

**Level I:** An **open online screening** test at national level which the candidate can do at his/her convenience. Level I screening test comprises of 100 MCQs. 60% of questions are from the subjects covered during the MBBS Course and 40% questions are from Palliative Medicine.

**Level II:** Those 10 candidates who score the top most marks in the online screening test have to undergo **online VIVA examination.** This is to assess and evaluate the interest and basic knowledge of the candidates in the field of palliative Medicine.

**Level III:** The final examination will be held at the Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode where the candidates who secure **top three** spots in the level I screening test and level II VIVA examination will be further evaluated. The total marks scored by the candidates in level I and Level II examination will be considered to choose the top 3 candidates. **The level III examination consists of two parts; Theory and assessment of clinical skills.**

## HOW TO APPLY?

The level I examination will be conducted in google form and the link will be available in the website of Institute of Palliative Medicine.

**For application and to participate in level I examination, please follow this link:**

<https://forms.gle/8DqSZ7Xr5ohVQXiRA>

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE SCREENING TEST?

Click on the following link to register:

<https://forms.gle/8DqSZ7Xr5ohVQXiRA> . Remember to submit your answers on or before 5 PM 30th September 2025. Once submitted, you will not be able make any modification. If you do not submit your answers on or before 5 PM 30th September 2025, your registration will be invalid and will not be considered for evaluation.

## REGISTRATION FEE

There is no registration fee.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date for submission of online examination- **Level I Screening test: 5 PM, 30th September 2025**

**Level II VIVA examination** will be conducted in the month of **October 2025**. Those who qualify for the Level II examinations will be intimated.

**Final Examination** will be conducted in **November 2025**

## TRAVEL SUPPORT

Those five candidates who qualify for Level III examination will be paid 2AC Train fare to travel up to Kozhikode from their home place and return journey.

## **HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM?**

References for Palliative Medicine:

Books:

Text Book for Certificate Course in Essentials of Palliative Care

Oxford Text Book of Palliative Medicine

## **AWARD FUNCTION**

The winner of the final examination will be awarded the **Bruce Davis Gold Medal in Palliative Medicine, a Citation and cash award of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees twenty-thousand only). At the IAPC International Conference scheduled to be held in Hyderabad in February 2026**

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