

Curriculum Vitae Kathrin Ohnsorge

Current position

Currently finishing the doctoral thesis (exam autumn 2015)

Researcher at the Hospiz im Park, Hospital for Palliative Care, Arlesheim
for the research project granted by the SNF for three years (NFP 67):

“Palliative non-oncology patients’ wish to die. The attitudes and concerns of patients with neurological diseases, organ failure or frailty about the end of life and dying.”

Education

Sep 2006	Beginning of the PhD thesis at the Vrije University Amsterdam, supervisor: Prof. Guy Widdershoven (Vrije University of Amsterdam), co-supervisor: Prof. Christoph Rehmann-Sutter (University of Lübeck); title: “Investigations in Hermeneutical Bioethics”
Mar 2002 – Mar 2004	“European Master in Bioethics” (Master of Advanced Studies, MAS) at the Universities of Nijmegen (NL), Basel (CH), Leuven (B), Padua (I)
July 2001	Graduation at the University of Basel, Switzerland: Lizentiat in philosophy
Sept 1992– July 2001	Studies of philosophy, art history and medieval history at the Universities of Bonn/Germany, La Sapienza”, Rome/Italy and the University of Basel

Employments

March 2006 – June 2012	Research assistant at the Unit for Ethics in Biosciences, University of Basel, (later project affiliation at the Institute for Biomedical Ethics, University of Basel): “ <i>Terminally ill patients’ wish to die. Attitudes and concerns of patients with incurable cancer about the end of life and dying</i> ” (main researcher); financed by Oncosuisse/Krebsforschung Schweiz; and 2006/7: pilot study “ <i>Terminally ill patients’ wish to die. Attitudes and concerns of patients with incurable cancer about the end of life and dying</i> ”.
Dec 2005- Feb 2007	Research assistant for the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland at the Unit for Ethics in Biosciences, University of Basel, for the European joint project ERA-SAGE (“ <i>European Research Area - Ethical, Legal and Societal Aspects of Genomics</i> ”) financed by the European Union.
Gen 2005 – Set 2005	Teaching assistant in Bioethics at the Institute for Applied Ethics and Medical Ethics, University of Basel
Apr 2004 – Sept 2004	Teaching assignment at the Medical Faculty (12.5%), University of Basel
Oct 2001 – Oct 2005	Research assistant at the Institute of Applied Ethics and Medical Ethics, University of Basel

Scholarships/Awards

Nov 2006	Award in clinical ethics “ <i>Giorgio de Sandre</i> ” of the Università degli Studi di Verona.
Nov 2003 – Oct 2004	Fellowship for Prospective Researchers of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF)

Publications (selected)

Peer-reviewed articles

- Ohnsorge K**, Gudat H, Rehmann-Sutter C (2014): *The intentions in wishes to die: analysis and a typology – a report of 30 qualitative case studies with terminally ill cancer patients in palliative care*. *Psycho-Oncology* 23 (9): 1021-6.
- Ohnsorge K**, Gudat H, Rehmann-Sutter C (2014): *What a wish to die can mean: reasons, meanings and functions of wishes to die, reported 30 qualitative case studies with terminally ill cancer patients in palliative care*. *BMC palliative care* 13: 38.
- Ohnsorge K**, Gudat H, Widdershoven G, Rehmann-Sutter C (2012): *Ambivalence at the end of life – how to understand patients' wishes ethically*. *Nursing Ethics* (19): 629-641.
- Ohnsorge K**, Widdershoven G (2011): *Monological versus dialogical consciousness – two epistemological views on the use of theory in clinical ethical practice*. *Bioethics* 25 (7): 361-369.

Edited books

- Rehmann-Sutter C, Gudat H, **Ohnsorge K**: *The patients' wish to die*. Oxford University Press (in print)
- Stuzki R, **Ohnsorge K**, Reiter-Theil S (Eds.) (2011): *Ethikkonsultation heute – vom Modell zur Praxis*. Lit Verlag, Zürich, Wien.
- Petzold C, Brucker U, **Ohnsorge K** et al. (Eds.) (2007). *Ethik und Recht*, Initiative der Robert Bosch-Stiftung "Gemeinsam für ein besseres Leben mit Demenz". Verlag Hans Huber, Bern.

Articles in books

- Ohnsorge K**: *Intentions, motivations and social interactions regarding a wish to die*. In Rehmann-Sutter C, Gudat H, Ohnsorge K: *The patients' wish to die*. Oxford University Press (in print).
- Rehmann-Sutter C, **Ohnsorge K**, Gudat H (2013): *Ethical implications of terminally ill patients' wishes to die: Why it is important to understand the narratives*. In: *New Issues in Ethics and Oncology*, ed. Beate Herrmann, Monica Bobbert et al., München: Albert
- Ohnsorge K**, Widdershoven G (2011): *Klinische Ethikberatung im Vergleich zu psychosomatischem Konsil und pastoraler Seelsorge – eine hermeneutische Sicht*. In "Ethikkonsultation heute – vom Modell zur Praxis". Stuzki R, Ohnsorge K, Reiter-Theil S (Eds.): Lit Verlag, Zürich, Wien:373-388.
- Ohnsorge K**, Rehmann-Sutter C (2010): *Menschen, die sterben möchten. Empirische Studien in der Palliativmedizin und ihre ethischen Implikationen*. In "Endlichkeit, Medizin und Unsterblichkeit. Geschichte-Theorie-Ethik. Hilt A, Jordan I, Frewer A (Eds.), Franz Steiner Verlag, Stuttgart: 247-270. (This paper has been short-listed in the 16-item "selected bibliography" on end-of-life decisions by the Austrian Bioethikkommission beim Bundeskanzleramt: Recommendations for the terminology of medical decision in end-of-life situations, Vienna 2011).

Other

- Gudat H, Rehmann-Sutter C, **Ohnsorge K**. *Sterbewünsche – weit mehr als ein Hilferuf*. *Schweizer Krebsbulletin* (2013), 1: 33-35.
- Viafora C, **Ohnsorge K** (2010). *La malattia di Alzheimer: dall'accompagnamento terapeutico all'accompagnamento affettivo*. *L'arco Di Giano*, 64, estate: 135-148.