Appendix 2. Categories used in data extraction proforma for peer-reviewed articles

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| First author surname |
| Year |
| Country |
| Type of article | 1. Empirical study on palliative care education
2. Empirical study on palliative care development including education
3. Editorial or commentary
4. Description of training program without evaluation
5. Description of training program and evaluation
6. Other
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| Level of training program/s described in the article | 1. Undergraduate
2. Postgraduate
3. Continuing education
4. Other
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| Professional group receiving the training | 1. Doctors
2. Nurses
3. Psychologists
4. Other
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| Type of training program | 1. In-person
2. Online
3. Other
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| Duration of program | 1. 1 year or more
2. 6 months to 1 year
3. 3 to 6 months
4. 1 to 3 months
5. Less than 1 month
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| Main content of the program | 1. Pain management
2. Other types of symptom management
3. End of life discussions with patients
4. End of life discussions with family members
5. Spirituality
6. Cultural dimensions of death
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| People/institutions leading the program | 1. Professional association/organization
2. Hospital-level staff
3. State health departments or ministries
4. NGOs
5. Other
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| Barriers encountered in the design and implementation of the program |  |
| Approaches used to evaluate the program |  |