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Using the National Palliative Care Program resources

The Australian Government funds a range of national palliative care projects primarily focused on education, training, quality improvement and advance care planning. Many of these have specific resources for aged care and primary care.

Advance care planning Learning

These modules from Advance Care Planning Australia range from an introduction to ACP to more specialised courses for health professionals.

Specific resources:
Advance Care Planning Improvement (ACPI) Toolkit
Advance Care Planning and Aged Care

Advance eLearning

The Advance Project offers a range of learning options for GPs, general practice nurses, and general practice managers to develop their knowledge of, and skills in using screening tools to support the provision of palliative care and advance care planning in everyday general practice.

caring@home

The caring@home project aims to train nurses to support and enhance the ability of lay caregivers to manage subcutaneous medications thereby assisting palliative patients access to timely symptom management.

CareSearch My Learning Modules

The My Learning Modules aim to demonstrate how to find relevant evidence and how to use the evidence resources in CareSearch to make a difference in clinical care. Two were written for aged care: My Learning 4: Residential Aged Care and My Learning 5: Dementia.

Specific resources:
CareSearch GP Hub
CareSearch GP app
Nurses Hub
Older Australia
Patients and Carers

End of Life Directions for Aged Care (ELDAC)

ELDAC provides information, guidance, and resources to health professionals and aged care workers to support palliative care and advance care planning to improve the care of older Australians.

Specific resources:
Information for specific roles in aged care
ELDAC Care Model overview
Linkages program
After Death Audit (655kb pdf)
Digital Dashboard

End-of-Life Essentials Education Modules

These Education Modules are designed to assist clinical staff working in acute hospitals in delivering end-of-life care.

End of Life Law for Clinicians (ELLC)

This project helps clinicians learn about end-of-life law and the effects this has on end-of-life care and palliative care for patients.

Palliative Aged Care Outcomes Program (PACOP)

PACOP supports optimal end-of-life care for residents in aged care homes and their families. The program offers two modules - the foundational Profile Collection and the Outcomes Collection. The Outcomes Collection is a palliative model of care and provides an Assess, Respond, Plan protocol to ensure residents' palliative care needs are monitored and addressed in a timely manner.

The Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)

PEPA provides health professionals and care providers with an observational placement in a palliative care service as well as access to workshops in the palliative approach. Reverse placements where a specialist palliative care staff member travels to the residential aged care service to facilitate palliative care learning area is also available.

TEL: Talking End of Life... with people with intellectual disability

TEL provides online education via 12 modules covering the role of disability support workers, key issues on dying and death, and supporting the needs of people with intellectual disability as they plan for end of life.

You can find other education options and learning opportunities relating to palliative care in the CareSearch Education section.