# Palliative Care Advice Service 1800 360 000

7am - 10pm, seven days a week

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The Palliative Care Advice Service is where you can speak with a specialist palliative care nurse or doctor about any aspect of a life-limiting illness.

The service is for everyone, everywhere in Victoria.

It is for people living with any life-limiting condition and the people who support them. It's for family, friends or neighbours. It's also for doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers and providers.

## We can help with questions like:

- How could palliative care help the person I support?
- Where can I find information about being a carer?
- How do I find the right palliative care service?
- What can I do to relieve my pain? My nausea? My breathlessness?
- What do I need to think about and plan for?
- How do I talk with my healthcare provider about palliative care?

## **Translating and Interpreting**

Call 131 450 and ask for 1800 360 000.

#### Deaf, hearing or speech impaired?

Please contact the National Relay Service on 13 36 77, then ask for 1800 360 000.

# We can help healthcare providers with issues like:

- Symptom management
- Prescribing
- Locating the correct palliative care service
- Converting medications from oral to injectable
- Continuous subcutaneous infusion (syringe drivers)
- Decision-making and advance care planning.

#### What is the service unable to do?

We are unable to provide prescriptions, referrals or replace the care of local healthcare providers.

