



FROM THE WEBSITE

Since the launch at the end of May, there have been over 30,000 visits to the new site. In the same period there have been over 200,000 page views with the Clinical Practice, Professional Groups and Families and Friends sections being the most used.

We have also taken the opportunity to continue promoting CareSearch by posting out our new promotional materials to palliative care services and sending newsletter alerts to many organisations and community groups. Over the coming months we will be presenting information on the project at a number of state and national conferences and would be happy to make presentations to services or community groups at the same time.

During June we added several new pages to the website.

There is now a set of pages in Clinical Practice dealing with End-of-Life Care. The pages look at areas such as principles of good end-of-life care, the experiences of families, symptom management, evaluating and assessing the quality of care at the end-of-life and end-of-life care in different settings.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ClinicalPractice/Physical/EndofLifeCare/tabid/738/Default.aspx>

A page dealing with Rural and Remote Issues has been added to the set of pages for health professionals dealing with Special Populations.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ClinicalPractice/SpecificPopulations/RuralandRemote/tabid/181/Default.aspx>

There is a parallel page for patients, carers and families in the Specific Groups sections.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ForPatientsandFamilies/SpecificGroups/RuralandRemote/tabid/114/Default.aspx>

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Grant Applications

A number of grant applications have been announced.

They include:

- > Research Grants-in-Aid Program 2009
The Leukaemia Foundation invites expressions of interest for grants-in-aid. Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is 25 July 2008.
- > Pfizer Australia Research Fellowships
The Pfizer Australia Research Fellowships applications close 28th July 2008
- > NHMRC Program Grant Applications
The NHMRC has called for applications under its Program Grants Scheme for grants commencing in 2010. Applications close 5.00pm AEST 11 July 2008.

- > Clinical Centres of Research Excellence -
Call for Applications
Applications for Clinical Centres of Research Excellence have opened. Applications close on 8 August 2008.

You can find details and weblinks for these grants in the "What's News in the Community" page at CareSearch:
<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/News/WhatsNewintheCommunity/tabid/167/Default.aspx>

National Palliative Care Service Directory

Palliative Care Australia has released details on their upgrade to Version 2 of the National Palliative Care Service Directory:
<http://www.palliativecare.org.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2b%2fmUOIAzIGY%3d&tabid=1777>

USING THE WEBSITE

Finding literature on a particular topic

One of the most useful ways of finding information on a specific area that doesn't have a page in the website is to create your own PubMed Topic. PubMed is a searchable on-line database of articles from medical journals maintained by The National Library of Medicine in America.

Basically you use a specially written search created by CareSearch which finds palliative care literature and then add on your own terms to describe the topic you're interested in. This is a very quick way to find out if there is relevant

literature. There are written instructions on how to "Create Your Own PubMed Search Topic" on the website. <http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/FindingEvidence/PubMedTopicSearches/CreateYourOwnPubMedTopicSearch/tabid/567/Default.aspx>

It is worth checking whether your area of interest is one of the topics that already has a topic search. The list of topics can be found on the PubMed Topic Searches page.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/FindingEvidence/PubMedTopicSearches/tabid/322/Default.aspx>

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY

National palliative care performance indicators: results of the 2007 performance indicator data collection

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released its report on the findings of the 2007 national collection of performance indicator data from Australia's palliative care sector, and provides comparisons with the results of previous collections in 2005 and 2006.

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10615>

Encouraging Best Practice in Residential Aged Care

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from health related organisations to improve evidence-based clinical care for residents, provide additional skills for clinical care staff and promote a sustainable best practice care culture in Australian Government funded aged care homes. Applications for funding must be received by the Department of Health and Ageing by 3.00pm EST on Wednesday 30 July 2008.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/grantEBPRAC2008>

Dementia Resource Guide

A new resource has been released. The Dementia Resource Guide aims to improve the care and quality of life for people with dementia by providing links to resources on 17 topic areas such as assessment and diagnosis, forward planning, medical treatment and support services.

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/ageing-dementia-resource-guide.htm>

National Professional Development Framework for Cancer Nursing

The National Cancer Nursing Education Project (EdCaN) has launched a National Framework for Cancer Nursing. The framework articulates the role of nursing in improving outcomes, guides professional development and details the capabilities of nurses working in cancer control.

<http://www.edcan.org/pdf/EdCanFrameworkFB9June08.pdf>

Catherine Pouget Award

The Catherine Pouget award is intended to encourage young investigators to study the impact of quality of care on, or improve the quality of life of, the terminally ill. Application forms are available from the MAPI Research Institute. Application due date: September 30, 2008

http://www.mapi-research.fr/c_01_cath.htm



CONFERENCES

Conference details have been received on the following conferences

Conference: Respecting Choices Singapore Palliative Care Conference 2008

Date: August 29-30 2008

Location: Singapore

Conference: 2008 NSW State Palliative Care Conference

Date: November 12-14 2008

Location: Coffs Harbour, NSW, Australia

Conference: 15th International Conference on Cancer Nursing

Date: August 17-21 2008

Location: Singapore

Conference: 6th Biennial State Conference Victoria

Date: October 23-24 2008

Location: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Conference: 7th Biennial International Forum on Pediatric Pain

Date: October 2-5 2008

Location: Nova Scotia, Canada

Conference: 1st International Conference on Public Health & Palliative Care

Date: January 16-17 2009

Location: Calicut, Kerala, India

Abstracts: Abstract submission deadline August 1 2008

Details on these and other conferences can be found on the Conferences page. There is also information on short course and university qualifications in palliative care.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/Education/Conferences/tabid/74/Default.aspx>

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

We have a variety of information pieces available for the palliative care community. You can view these resources on the website and download an order form.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/ProjectResources/PromotionalResources/tabid/433/Default.aspx>

All enquiries regarding our promotional materials can be directed to Natasha Schembri via email at natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au

August Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Wednesday in August. If you have any item you would like to have considered for inclusion please send details one week prior to the circulation date to natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au



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