

CARESEARCH E-NEWS MARCH 2008

This will be the last CareSearch eNews. In May we will be launching a new newsletter to coincide with the release of the new website and resources. This will have a new look built on the new website design. We will continue to include brief information on what's happening in the website and the palliative care community but we will also add some new sections such as a focus on a particular topic and how to get the most out of the website.

What's new on the website?

At the moment we are looking at adding some new information about the first round of the Local Palliative Care Grants to the website.

At this stage we are looking at the development of content and resources that will be available in the new site. However, the existing site will continue to be available until the release and all existing content and resources will be moved into the new site.

What's new in the palliative care community?

NHMRC Grant Rounds 2008

Further information on opening and closing dates for the following NHMRC research schemes have been announced. Centres of Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE): Opens 31 May 2008 and closes 4 August 2008. Development Grants: Opens 5 April 2008 and closes 2 June 2008. Capacity Building Grants in Population Health Research: Opens 12 April 2008 and closes 30 June 2008. Further details available at: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/news/tracker/tracker08/080229.htm>

2008 Dementia Grants Program

Alzheimers' Australia has released its range of research grants including new investigator grants, grants into dementia care and travel grants. Applications close on 25 April, 2008. Details can be found at: <http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=2553>

Superannuation access for terminally ill

The Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law has announced that the Australian Government will legislate to make superannuation lump sum payments tax free where paid to persons suffering from terminal medical conditions. Details are available at: <http://ministers.treasury.gov.au/DisplayDocs.aspx?doc=pressreleases/2008/003.htm&pageID=003&min=njs&Year=&DocType==>

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day is a unified day of action to celebrate and support hospice and palliative care around the world. The theme for World Day 2008 which will take place on October 11th is "Hospice and palliative care: a human right". You can find out more at: http://www.worldday.org/about_world_day_2008.asp

Cecily Saunders International

The UK Prime Minister has unveiled plans for the world's first institute of palliative care, The Cicely Saunders Institute of Palliative Care. This international academic establishment will focus specifically on palliative care research and teaching linked to clinical care. Details can be found at: <http://www.cicelysaundersfoundation.org/>

National Palliative Care Week 2008

National Palliative Care Week will be held from 25-31 May 2008. The Palliative Care Australia website will provide updates at: <http://www.palliativecare.org.au/Default.aspx?tabid=1132>

Information on "What's new in the palliative care community" is added regularly to the CareSearch website. You can find out what's going on at:

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/home/Home/Whatsnewinthepalliativecarecommunity/tabid/266/Default.aspx>

COMPAC guidelines

The development of Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting (COMPAC)



The documents prepared for this project will be available for public comment from April 21st, 2008. Submissions will be accepted from that date until May 21st, 2008.

How to obtain a copy of the documents

A copy of the draft guidelines can be obtained from the COMPAC website at:

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/home/Nationalprogram/ComPAC/tabid/603/Default.aspx>

or by placing a request via email: compac@ecu.edu.au or phone: (08) 6304 3528

How to make a submission

You may make a submission in writing (by post, fax or email).

Please send your submission to:

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- Email: c.toye@ecu.edu.au

Please include your name and an address or telephone number at which you can be contacted. This project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

Conferences

Singapore Palliative Care Conference 2008 29-30 August 2008, *Respecting Choices* RELC International Hotel, Singapore

COSA ASM *Driving Improved Cancer Outcomes* Sydney Convention Centre 18-20 November 2008

Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses 10th National Conference *CATSIN Dreaming* 10-12 September 2008 Adelaide SA

Palliative Care Queensland Biennial Conference 2008 *Creativity in Palliative Care* 24 May 2008 Sea World Resort, Gold Coast

You can find information on these and other conferences in the Conferences page at <http://www.caresearch.com.au/home/Education/Conferences/tabid/105/Default.aspx>

Special focus...Searching the internet

Most often when we discuss search and systematic searching we are looking at bibliographic based searching of article databases. However web searching and search engine use is increasing rapidly.

Eysenbach and Kohler have suggested that 4.5% of internet searches are health related. They point out given Google reports 150 million searches per day, there would be around 6.75 million health related searches every day on Google alone. (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1480194>)

While evaluating the quality of the sites we find and use is important, understanding search engines and how to use search engines can improve what we find. The following sources provide useful information on search engines and how to get the best out of them when searching for information.

There is an overview of three common search engines produced by the University of Berkeley Library at: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/SearchEngines.html>

The National Library of Australia has a section on Searching the Internet that outlines search engines, Australian search engines and reviews of search engines available at: http://www.nla.gov.au/pathways/pthw_global.html

Search Engine Watch has an article called Search Engine Math that shows how common symbols can improve results at: <http://searchenginewatch.com/showPage.html?page=2156021>

If you would like to provide feedback on this newsletter or make a contribution to the next edition, please contact Natasha.Schembri@flinders.edu.au

Order Form

We have a variety of information sheets, flyers and bookmarks available for the palliative care community. Let us know what items you need.

Item	Quantity
GP Information (A4 Fact Sheet)	
GP Information (Bookmark)	
Patient, Carer, Families and Friends Information(A4 Fact Sheet)	
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Allied Health Information (A4 Fact Sheet)	
Aged Care Workers Information (A4 Fact Sheet)	
CareSearch – Generic information (A4 Fact Sheet)	
Six Ways CareSearch can help Carers - Leaflet	
CareSearch Generic information - Leaflet	
Using CareSearch more effectively – A guide for nurses	

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