



## GETTING THE MOST OUT OF CARESEARCH: 10 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### 1. Looking for literature

Pick one of the palliative care topics. One click and you'll have a list of articles. Always current; if it was indexed yesterday it will be in your list today. You can even limit your search to only articles that are available in full text for free. To use this function go to the [PubMed Topic Searches](#).

### 2. Patient care

[Clinical Practice](#) should be the first place to check when looking for evidence on a particular symptom. Based on relevant systematic reviews, each page provides an overview, links to a full text article or guidelines and information on active areas of research. Many pages have their own specific PubMed Search.

### 3. Working together virtually

[Professional Connect](#) is a way to stay in touch or work together online. Perfect for teams or those project groups that aren't in the one place. You can share a set of pages, have a blog and shared calendar, as well as somewhere to keep common documents.

### 4. Information for the whole family

Patients, carers and families can have different information needs. There are now 95 pages in the [For Patients and Families](#) section. Suggest them to your patients or tell their families and friends about them. Each page is print ready. Each page links to tools, brochures or other resources that can help.

### 5. Professional development

Everything you wanted to know about palliative care education options – formal qualifications, conferences, short courses, web based learning. All in one spot on the [Education](#) pages.

### 6. How-to information for GPs (and others)

GPs should be supported in the care they provide for those at the end of life. Make sure they're aware of the [GP pages](#) in CareSearch. Designed to get them to the information they need fast.

### 7. Collecting data online

The [Research Data Management System](#) is an online survey system. It's just as useful for audits, feedback surveys and quality improvement activities as it is for research studies.

### 8. Just for Nurses

Easy to find and easy to use, the [Nurses Hub](#) provides palliative care information for all nurses, regardless of where they work. And a monthly newsletter keeps them up to date.

### 9. Recognising diversity

We're not all the same. Different groups can have different needs. The [Specific Populations](#) pages provide clinical information about caring for people with specific needs.

### 10. Keeping up to date

'[What's new in the community](#)' (accessed from the home page) will keep you up to date with news and events in the palliative care community. You can also check out '[What's new on CareSearch](#)'.

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