

RESOURCES FOR PASTORAL CARE WORKERS AND CHAPLAINS

There are many ways in which CareSearch can help professionals providing pastoral and spiritual care to those living with a terminal illness and their families. The website has information on clinical and service issues as well as links to other information and resources available online. All resources have been reviewed by Australian health professionals.

Professional Groups

This section includes pages for [pastoral care workers](#) which describe the role of pastoral care workers and chaplains in palliative care. It includes information on core resources in chaplaincy and palliative care. There is also a selected list of journal articles on chaplaincy and pastoral care in palliative care.

[Clinical Practice Information](#)

These pages provide summaries of the latest evidence on a range of physical symptoms such as pain, dyspnoea or nausea and psychological, social and spiritual concerns such as depression or dignity. There are also pages on needs of, and resources for, specific population groups such as patients with dementia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and those with intellectual disabilities.

[Supporting patients and families](#)

There is an extensive set of pages for patients and their families. This provides information on many issues that patients and families may need to consider. There are also links to services and resources in each state and territory.

Evidence Resources

The CareSearch Review Collection provides citation details on systematic reviews for over ninety palliative care topics. There is a review topic dealing with [chaplains](#) and another topic on [spirituality](#). A PubMed Search Topic on [spirituality](#) is an embedded search on spirituality and palliative care which will automatically run the National Library of Medicine journal database. Other resources include information on palliative care projects and activities within Australia and details of conferences and education activities.

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