

CLINICAL USES: SUPPORTING MULTICULTURAL CLIENTS (CNIN MARCH 2010)

- You are working in a large metropolitan community team that services a widely diverse multicultural population. Your caseload includes families who do not have English as a first language.
- You would like to be able to provide your clients and the local community with relevant information in their own language, as well as to find out more about their specific care needs.

Within the 'Clinical Practice' section, information is available under 'Specific Populations' on [Multicultural / Cultural and linguistic diversity issues](#) (Non-English speaking background). This includes issues specific to those from a different culture, including family and community support, finding information in different languages and state services and resources. The GP resources section includes [multicultural resources](#).

There is a [Multicultural PubMed Topic Search](#) and a [Multicultural CareSearch Review Collection](#) in the 'Finding Evidence' section that may be helpful.



The 'Patients and Families' section contains information for consumers from other cultures. Within 'Specific Groups' the [Multicultural](#) page provides CareSearch information that has been translated into 6 languages, as well as other resources that are available on translators, on family and community support and on referring to palliative care. The resources section includes access to other websites with translated palliative care information, including a book "[Multicultural Palliative Care Guidelines](#)" which contains information on clinical practice guidelines and can be purchased from the Palliative Care Council of SA.

You will also find [CareSearch DVD's](#) that have been translated into the 3 most commonly used languages (Greek, Cantonese and Italian) to explain the information within these pages. Many patients from culturally diverse groups often have extensive community support. Providing relevant information for those in the community from different cultural backgrounds can also be important in helping de-mystify palliative care and increase awareness of the benefits of referral to services. Information has also been collated on information in [other languages](#) (external to CareSearch) and can be found in the For Patients and Families Pages section.

CareSearch is an online resource funded by the Department of Health and Ageing to help clinicians and consumers find relevant evidence about palliative care. Available now at [www.caresearch.com.au](#)