



THE NATIONAL  
PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM



# Palliative Care Medicines Working Group

A focus on improved  
access to and quality  
use of palliative care  
medicines in the  
community.



**Australian Government**

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**Department of Health and Ageing**

# The Palliative Medicines Working Group

provides clinical advice and guidance to the Department of Health and Ageing to address the need to improve access to medicines for people with a life-limiting illness in the community.

## What has been achieved?

- A framework to support the listing of palliative care medicines on the PBS
- A palliative care section in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (mauve section)
- A focus on improved access to and quality use of medicines for palliative care in the community
- Several medicines listed for palliative care
- More to come...
- For more information go to [www.health.gov.au/palliativecare](http://www.health.gov.au/palliativecare)