



Development of Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting
THE COMPAC PROJECT

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Project Progress

Two of the documents developed during this project are now available, in draft form, for public comment. The project team are also continuing to develop the 'plain English' version of the guidelines for caregivers, older people, and their families. We say goodbye to Dr Jeremy Drake and welcome Ms Kristi Holloway as the COMPAC Project Manager.

Draft Guidelines Available for Public Comment

The *Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community* are now in draft form. The guidelines contain both evidence based recommendations and recommendations developed from expert consensus, these being called Good Practice Points. All the recommendations are aimed at enhancing the quality of care provided to older people requiring a palliative approach in the Australian community setting.

Two documents are available for public comment. Volume One is the main document that contains background information, as well as the practice recommendations. Volume Two addresses processes undertaken to develop the recommendations.

Both volumes can be downloaded from the COMPAC website, which is available at www.caresearch.com.au - click on the quick link "COMPAC". If preferred, you may email or phone the Project Manager, Ms. Kristi Holloway, at compac@ecu.edu.au or (08) 6304 3528.

Submissions concerning the draft guidelines need to be received by **5pm WST on June 16th 2008**.

Abbreviated Version of the Guidelines

The plain English version of the *Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community* is now being finalised. A last step will be to pilot test this document.

From the initial national public consultation, it was clear that this additional document would be appropriate to facilitate quick and easy reference to key information by caregivers, clients, and families. If anyone would like more information or would like to

comment on these plain English guidelines, please visit our website and post a comment on our interactive forum.

Goodbye

We have also had to say a sad “Goodbye” to Dr Jeremy Drake who has left the COMPAC project to go to France to compete as tri-athlete. We sincerely thank Jeremy for all of the hard work and support he gave the project and project team. We wish him great success in France. Ms Kristi Holloway is now the COMPAC Project Manager

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