

People at the End of Life Need Care

Over 2.7 million Australians are carers. Many of these will be caring for someone who is older or has health problems. People in caring situations face many different issues. CareSearch provides information and resources for people who are caring for someone with a life-limiting illness.

Supporting Carers

You play a vital role in supporting the person who is seriously ill. There is information available that can help you in a practical way:

- Providing Daily Care
- Coping with Long Distance Caring
- Communicating with Others
- Caring for Yourself
- Responding to Feelings
- Saying Goodbye
- Tips for Visitors
- What to Say

CareSearch also provides information on financial assistance, practical help and equipment, medicines, young people providing care, transport and a range of other everyday issues.

If you care for someone who has a serious illness and need information go to www.caresearch.com.au



Caring arrangements can change

While you may have a plan of what you want to happen, circumstances can change and it may be necessary to change where care is provided....

Eduardo and his wife Bella were devoted to each other. When Eduardo was told of his life-limiting illness, Bella wanted to look after Eduardo at home. Eduardo's size and weight made things increasingly difficult for Bella. When Eduardo had a fall, Bella realized that she couldn't help him up. Eduardo was taken to hospital where he suddenly deteriorated. The nurses told Bella that Eduardo would not go home again. The plan for him to die at home was changed and Bella arranged to stay at the hospital with him instead.



When Jacqui's father Ian was told he had advanced liver failure, the pair made a plan so that Ian could stay at home. However, Ian's condition worsened, and his symptoms became difficult for Jacqui to manage. They knew that it would be better served if he had access to a higher level of expertise and care. Jacqui found out more about palliative care services. They both felt more relaxed at Ian being in a specialist location. The staff were able to monitor and assist his well-being.



Danielle's mother Fiona was sent to hospital after a stroke. When she was well enough, Danielle brought her home to live on the family farm. A series of smaller strokes saw Fiona's condition deteriorate further. The farm work was quite demanding and Danielle was not managing financially. This meant that she couldn't care for her mother as she had planned. Danielle visited a number of aged care facilities in the area. She found one that she was sure could provide the level of care for Fiona that Danielle wanted.

