

A guide to using CareSearch for hospital- based clinicians

Half of all deaths in Australia occur in a hospital. All health professionals need skills in palliative care with its focus on quality of life. CareSearch can help you to provide palliative care with practical evidence-based information about:

- Key guidelines for [palliative care within the acute care setting](#), including your responsibilities as a health professional.
- [Recognising the need for palliative care](#) with the use of validated tools.
- [Responding to patient needs](#) as their physical, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual care needs change over time.
- [Searching for evidence](#) to answer clinical and service-related questions.
- [Planning for providing palliative care](#) that integrates with local processes to ensure smooth [patient transitions and coordination of care](#).
- [Teamwork](#) and referral to other providers for optimal patient care.
- Effective [communication and shared decision-making](#) skills to make sure patients and their family are informed and included.
- Supporting families and carers through [grief and bereavement care](#).

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