

Helping nurses provide care for people at or approaching the end of their life

People with a life-limiting illness and/or approaching death often look to nurses for support. The [CareSearch Nurses Hub](#) helps with evidence-based information and resources fit for practice across the life course.

Here are some ways the Nurses Hub can help

1. Talking about end of life can be hard. [The Communication with patients, carers, and family](#) section has examples of what you can say.
2. Managing symptoms is an important part of palliative care. You can find information on how to recognise, assess, and manage [ten commonly experienced symptoms and issues](#). Accompanying My CPD reflections forms can be used to record your learning activity.
3. CareSearch has practical information to support nurses in [Planning and coordinating care](#) for a person with serious illness and/or approaching end of life.
4. [Communication within the care team](#) has practical tips including for case conferences, handovers, and interdisciplinary team meetings.
5. Careful [assessment](#) is key to [recognising deterioration in a person's health](#). CareSearch has information and interactive versions of validated tools to help.
6. Palliative care represents a unique population and off-label use of medicines is common. The Nurses hub [Medicine management](#) section can help and, for terminal phase prescribing, visit our [palliAGED section Symptoms and Medicines](#).
7. A syringe driver is often used when a person can no longer swallow. For information including commonly used medications and incompatibilities check out [syringe drivers](#).
8. Good [end-of-life care](#) focuses on providing care for a good and dignified death. You can find information on what you can do to care for the person and the family during the terminal phase and how to provide respectful [after-death care](#).
9. [Loss, grief, and bereavement](#) is a universal part of the experience of life-limiting illness and old age. This section can help you recognise and respond to needs at this time.
10. The repository of [forms, checklists and tools](#) can assist you in providing and documenting palliative care. These may be downloaded for free.

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