

Online resources supporting end of life care

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Outline

- Palliative Care/Aged Care in Australia
- Research evidence and practice
- CareSearch
 - Development
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 - Evaluation

Palliative Care in Australia

- Cure is not the goal of care
- Physical, psychosocial, care planning elements
- Referral based, co-morbidity, multidisciplinary
- Patient and family as unit of care
- Care provided in many settings
- Many health professionals
- Often a family carer



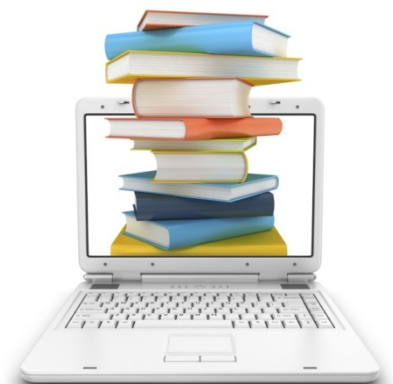
Aged Care Considerations

- Changing demography
- Living and care circumstances
- Patterns of disease
- Comorbidity
- Triggers and transitions
- Population diversity



The expanding evidence base

- Evidence and guidance is growing.
 - 75 trials & 11 systematic reviews being published every day [Bastian et al, 2010]
- How do individuals, services and systems know about, find, select what is important and ensure its use?
 - e.g. Family caregiver psychosocial and bereavement support guidelines; COMPAC Guidelines; EAPC Pain systematic reviews/guidelines



About CareSearch

- Palliative care resource
 - Evidence based, quality processes
 - Online
 - Free to use, open access
 - Funded by Department of Health and Ageing
- Audience
 - Health professional
 - Patients, carers, families





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INFORMATION ON DEATH
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Developing the Website

- Knowledge to Action (KTA) framework to guide development and review
- Explicit relationship to research evidence
- Formal governance arrangements
- Evaluation framework
- Partnership and engagement
- Research activities

Overview of resources

- Health Professionals
 - Clinical Evidence: Synthesized summaries and facilitated access to the published evidence
 - CareSearch Hub: Information and resources for specific groups
 - Functionalities: Research Data Management System, Professional Connect
- Health Consumers
 - For Patients, Carers, Family and Friends
 - Finding services

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You are here: Clinical Evidence » Specific Diseases » Dementia Dementia Key Messages > Dementia is a terminal illness, and a palliative approach improves quality of life for patients with dementia. Understanding the terminal nature of the condition and its common patterns helps families and caregivers as they make care decisions. > Planning ahead for health care needs is essential because of the progressive cognitive impairments and eventual loss of decision-making capacity associated with dementia. Advance care planning is important and should be done early. Health care professionals should support and encourage this. > The main concerns for patients with advanced dementia as they approach the end of life are: - under-treatment of symptoms that may be distressing, and - over-treatment with burdensome interventions that do not produce benefit. > Routine screening and assessment for symptoms, and appropriate protocols to assist management can assist in better management of symptoms in dementia. Involvement of palliative care services in care planning and support can be beneficial. > Transfer to hospital from residential aged care facilities or treatment with feeding tubes, antibiotics or mechanical ventilation, provide no benefit and result in fragmentation of care arrangements that are familiar, safe and comforting for a dying person with advanced dementia. PubMed Searches Dementia Free full text only Strangest evidence Everything All citations Strangest evidence Everything Last 3 months About these searches Dementia: specific issue searches Review Collection Dementia		

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☐ 2. Conference Abstract

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The links on this page provide an easy and reliable way to find the relevant palliative care literature in English. Each link runs an immediate search of PubMed and all searches are automatically updated as new articles are added to the database. These searches use the [Palliative Care Search Filter](#) as their base.

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Aged: A person 65 and over. Includes frail elderly (Source: derived from MeSH)

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Search (aged[majr] AND (advance care planning[mh] OR attitude to death[mh] OR ber[...])

Display Settings: Summary, 20 per page, Sorted by Recently Added

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1. [The Prognosis of Elderly Patients Who Have Lost the Ability To Receive Oral Intake and Are Treated with Peripheral Solution](#)
Komiya K, Ishii H, Kadota JI.
J Palliat Med. 2013 Jun 11. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available.
PMID: 23758500 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]
[Related citations](#)

2. [Home-Based Primary Care](#)
Brahmbhatt M, Palla K, Kossifologos A, Mitchell D, Lee T.
Consult Pharm. 2013 Jun 28(6):361-9. doi: 10.4140/CP.n.2013.361.
PMID: 23748124 [PubMed - in process]
[Related citations](#)

3. [Post-radiation osteosarcoma in an older prostate cancer survivor: case study and literature review with emphasis on geriatric principles](#)
Gumber D, Rodin M, Wildes TM.
Case Rep Oncol. 2013 May 9;5(2):250-5. doi: 10.1159/000351588. Print 2013 May.
PMID: 23741219 [PubMed] Free PMC Article
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4. [Incidence and Predictors of Bowel Obstruction in Elderly Patients With Stage IV Colon Cancer: A Population-Based Cohort Study](#)
Winner M, Mooney SJ, Hersman DL, Feingold DL, Allendorf JD, Wright JD, Neugut AI.
JAMA Surg. 2013 Jun 5;1-7. doi: 10.1001/jamasurg.2013.1. [Epub ahead of print]
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5. [Life-review interventions as psychotherapeutic techniques in psycho-oncology](#)
Maercker A, Bachem R.
J Palliat Care. 2013 Jun 11. [Epub ahead of print] No abstract available.
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Post-radiation osteosarcoma in an older prostate cancer survivor: case stu [Case Rep Oncol. 2013]

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End of life care for frail older patients in family practice (ELFOP) : proto [BMC Fam Pract. 2013]

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["aged"[MeSH Major Topic] AND ("advance care planning"[MeSH Terms] OR "attitude to death"[MeSH Terms] OR "grief"[MeSH Terms])]

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What's New!

Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: This is an Australian Government initiative supporting nursing students, enrolled nurses and registered nurses and midwives.

Applications are now open for the following scholarships:

- Continuing professional development for nurses and midwives
- Nurse re-entry for nurses or midwives whose registration has lapsed
- Professional development for nurses and midwives working in an Aboriginal Medical Service

Working for midwives
Emergency department administration staff
Wanting to undertake continuing professional development

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Free care research
Australian National Palliative Care Research
Unit is to be held from July 18-19, 2013 in
Melbourne, Victoria.

new Australia has released a new paper:
[A New Journal and the Role of the Doctor](#)

you know?

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sit is given.

last edition we commented on the review of the
in article appeared in BMJ last month. Nine and
allition care experts would choose Liverpool

Something to read

Peters L, Carr R, Payne S, O'Connor M, McDermott
F, Hood K, et al. [How death anxiety impacts nurses' attitudes for patients at the end of life: a review of the literature](#). Open Nurs J. 2013;7:14-21. Epub 2013 Jan 24.

Nurses are frequently exposed to dying patients and death in the course of their work. This experience makes individuals conscious of their own mortality, often giving rise to anxiety and pressure. Nurses who have a strong anxiety about death may be less comfortable providing nursing care for patients at the end of their life. This paper explores the literature on death anxiety and nurses' attitudes to determine whether fear of death impacts on nurses' caring for dying patients. Studies from several countries showed that a workplace death education program could reduce death anxiety. This offers potential for improving nurses' caring for patients at the end of their life.

Somehow to visit

The [Conversation Project](#) is dedicated to helping people talk about their wishes for end-of-life care. They have a starter kit to help people start those important conversations.

Newsletter Basics

Follow this link to [subscribe](#) to, or email nurses@caresearch.com.au to unsubscribe from the newsletter. The next edition will be sent on Wednesday 15 May 2013. To share something, email nurses@caresearch.com.au

HOW THE RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE HUB CAN HELP

Over 160,000 Australians live in residential aged care. Supporting and caring for residents includes enabling them to live well at the end of life and to die with dignity. The RAC Hub is free to use. It provides palliative care information for aged care residents and for staff.

- Palliative care is not only about specialist providers but about an approach to care that is holistic and considers the resident.
- People who have severe chronic heart or severe dementia, motor neurone or may all benefit from a palliative approach not just for people with cancer.
- The Hub is free to use, doesn't need with access to the internet. As a web when you need it.
- The content is easy to read.
- All information is based on the latest website which provides palliative care professionals and for patients, carers, where the care is provided.
- There are links to free articles, research the facility.
- Health professionals who understand care have developed the RAC Hub.
- The Hub is trustworthy to visit and so residents and families. You can even or their families.
- A quarterly newsletter will help keep in palliative care and what's new in it.
- The RAC Hub can help support quality care facilities.

For further information please email
or phone (08) 7221 8227.

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People Working in RAC

Many people contribute to the end-of-life care of residents. [More...](#)

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Recognising Resident's Needs

Palliative care recognises the individual needs of each resident. [More...](#)

Facility / Quality Issues

Service decisions can assist in end-of-life care. [More...](#)

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Communication is fundamental to good care. [More...](#)

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Information to assist residents and their families. [More...](#)

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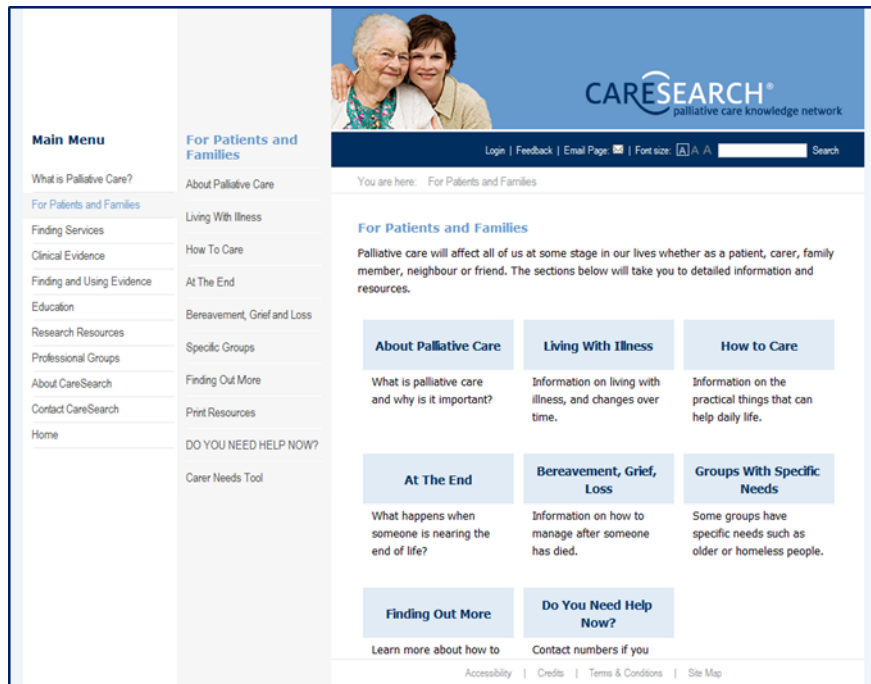
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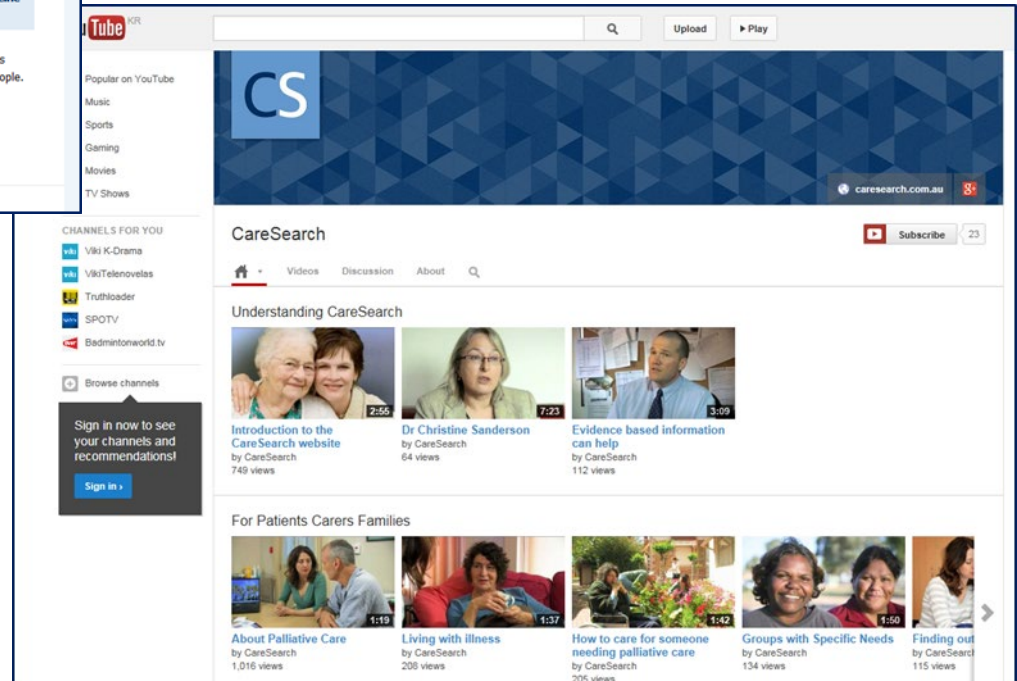
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Evaluation Framework

Framework built around 4 elements

- Access
- Use
- Usefulness
- Process

Twenty evaluation activities completed to date.

CareSearch: Evaluation Metrics

Average monthly visits	40,000-60,000
Average monthly page views	200,000-400,000
No. using Research Data Management System	636
Newsletter registrations	
• @CareSearch	2,895
• Nurses Hub News	1,533
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Other Indicators

- Partnerships
 - PaCCSC, PCA National Standards Assessment Program, Palliative Approach Toolkit Rollout (RAC), ANZSPM Clinical Indicators
- Research
 - Hammondcare Dementia Search Filter, NBN Telehealth (Palliative, Aged, Clinical Rehab), Bereavement Search Filter

Conclusion

- Facilitates access to the evidence by:
 - Consolidating and synthesising evidence
 - One-click searching in PubMed
- Supports knowledge transfer by:
 - Contextualising for audience
- Encourages evidence use by:
 - Partnering with relevant agencies
 - Incorporating as part of different settings and activities
 - Promoting and disseminating

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