

A guide to using CareSearch for Nurses

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

Here are some ways the Nurses Hub can help

1. Talking about end of life can be hard. [Communication with patients, carers, and family](#) provides guidance on what you can say.
2. [Communication within the care team](#) has practical tips for case conferences, handovers, and interdisciplinary team meetings.
3. 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](#). Each symptom page has a My CPD reflection form for you to record your learning.
4. The [Planning and coordinating care](#) pages provide practical information on end-of-life nursing care.
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 [Medicines management](#) section can help and, for terminal phase prescribing, [visit our palliAGED section Symptom Management](#).
7. A syringe driver is often used when a person can no longer swallow. For information including on using syringe drivers visit the [Syringe drivers](#) page.
8. Good [end-of-life care](#) supports someone to have a good and dignified death. It also involves caring for the family during the terminal phase and providing respectful [after-death care](#).
9. [Loss](#) 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. This repository of [forms, checklists and tools](#) can assist you in providing and documenting palliative care. These may be downloaded for free.

Visit the [CareSearch Nurses Hub](#)

