National Palliative Care Strategy

A National Framework for Palliative Care Service Development

October 2000
Funding for the National Program

AHCA (2003-2008)
$188m to States/Territories
$13m for National

Palliative Care in the Community
2006-2010 $62.8m

Local Palliative Care Grants Program
2005-2009 $23.1m
Growing need for palliative care

• Changing demographics
  – Ageing population
  – Living longer with complex needs
  – Increasing consumer expectations
  – Increasing incidence of cancer, cardiovascular disease
  – More than terminal care
The National Palliative Care Program

1. Support for patients, families and carers in the community
2. Increased access to palliative care medicines in the community
3. Education, training and support for the workforce
4. Research and quality improvement for palliative care services
Support for patients, families and carers in the community

- Community Awareness
- Rural Palliative Care Program
- Paediatric Palliative Care Resource
- INDIGENOUS
- Palliative care patients living at home without a carer

Increased access to palliative care medicines in the community

- PBS listings for palliative care medications
- Quality use of medicines

Education, training and support for the workforce

- PEPA Nurses, GPs, Allied Health
- Undergraduate Curriculum
- Postgraduate Courses
- Vocational Education
- Advance Care Planning
- Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in aged care – RACF and Community

Research and quality improvement for palliative care services

- Knowledge Network & CareSearch
- NHMRC Research Program
- Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration
- Information development framework to support quality improvement
- Guidelines for needs-based assessment & referral

RURAL AGED CARE PAEDIATRIC INDIGENOUS
Support for patients, families and carers in the community

- Raising community awareness about palliative care
- Providing support for care in the community
- Improving access and quality of care for specific population groups
Increased access to palliative care medicines in the community

• Access to medicines

• Support for clinical drug trial research

• A communications strategy for GPs and Specialists
Education, training and support for the workforce

- Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)
- Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care
- Respecting Patient Choices
Research and quality improvement for palliative care services

- NHMRC Research Program

- Guidelines for Needs-Based Assessment and Referral

- Standards and Quality

- Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration
  Consortium of 4 universities
THE STAGES OF INFORMATION OVERLOAD

D. Flood

Google® search of your condition

Sipping coffee

Discovery of 586 abstracts

More coffee sipping

Reading of cold, hard statistics

Chicka Chicka

Printing random abstracts

More coffee, more abstracts, more printing...

Crazed look.
Palliative Care Knowledge Network

• One stop shop for those providing palliative care or affected by palliative care

• Content and resources for patients and carers, volunteers, health professionals, specialist palliative care services and the general community

• Incorporating CareSearch’s content and functions

• Supporting the development of communities of practice

• Supporting the translation of evidence into practice
For more information


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