An online Allied Health Palliative Care resource

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What is CareSearch?

• Evidence based palliative care website (www.caresearch.com.au)
• For those providing palliative care or those affected by the need for palliative care
• Broker information

Knowledge hubs consolidate the relevant evidence and facilitate access to practical resources and relevant literature for specific professional groups. They are organised to help the professionals in this area to easily and quickly find context relevant content.
Allied Health Hub

- Recognises the vital role of Allied Health Professionals (AHP) within multidisciplinary care
- Disciplines represented:
  - Dietitians
  - Music Therapists
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Physiotherapists
  - Psychologists
  - Social Workers
  - Speech Therapists
Allied Health Hub Home

Clinical Considerations
Information to support clinical practice. More information...

Interdisciplinary Teams
Are you working with other disciplines? More information...

Professional Considerations
Supporting yourself as a professional. More information...

Evidence, Quality, Research
Find out more on standards, Policies, research, EBP. More information...

Working with Patients, Carers and Families
Information for and about, patients, carers and families. More information...

Allied Health and Palliative Care
Learn more about roles in palliative care. More information...

Forums
Forums for networking. More information...
Content

• Pages are created within a knowledge translation framework and include summaries of the issues as well as practical resources
  • DVDs, policy documents, clinical guidelines, weblinks
• Each page is reviewed for relevance, currency.
• Each page then goes through a formal peer review process
  • AHP, researchers, academics
  • Peak bodies
Content

• Clinical considerations
  • Helping maintain hope, managing symptoms, psych-social assessment, self-care

• Interdisciplinary teams
  • New to palliative care?, competencies, communication, working boundaries

• Professional Considerations
  • CPD, Journal Club, Networking, Reflective Practice

• Evidence, Quality, Research
  • Allied health Evidence, Research
Content

- Working with patients, carers and families
  - Adapting goals, professional boundaries, responding to strong emotion, when a patient dies
  - Information for Patients and Families about Allied health

- Clinical and Education Resources
  - Allied Health views (videos), newsletters, podcasts

- Allied Health and Palliative Care
  - Roles of Allied Health Professionals, practice settings
Visits are the number of times your website has actually been clicked by users and browsed by them, irrespective of the number of files that have been downloaded during that browsing session.
Advisory Group

- An Advisory Group supports ongoing development, providing feedback on the content, design and organisation of the hub as well as user testing.
  - Nominated by their peak body
- Each member of the advisory group leads an edition of the bi-monthly newsletter focusing on their discipline. This includes a case story and a profile of someone working in palliative care. There are over 1,100 subscribers to this.
Advisory Group

• Allied Heath Hub Advisor
  A former member of the Advisory Group who reviews Hub content for currency and relevance and leads the newsletter
Resources

- PubMed topic searches specific to Allied Health AND palliative care, each featured discipline and to rural and remote issues.
  - The topic searches 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.
Fatigue PubMed Search

Select one search option for your chosen search topic.

**Free full text only** (likely to reduce the number of results)
- Strongest evidence (systematic reviews or randomised controlled trials)
- Everything

**All citations**
- Strongest evidence (systematic reviews or randomised controlled trials)
- Everything
- Last 3 months only

Fatigue: The state of weariness following a period of exertion, mental or physical, characterized by a decreased capacity for work and reduced efficiency to respond to stimuli (Source: MeSH Thesaurus).

To choose another topic, go back to Palliative Care PubMed Searches

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Resources

• CareSearch Review Collection – again available on each featured discipline and on rural and remote health

• Topic searches and / or review collections also feature symptoms of interest eg:
  • Anorexia, cachexia, artificial nutrition, dysphagia, exercise, fatigue, mobility, psychological issues
Conclusion

• The Allied Health Hub provides easily accessible information for Allied Health Professionals that can help empower, motivate and educate in palliative care
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