Appendix 9: Palliative Care Providers Evaluation Tool 2.1

About you
Your role:

☐ Registered Nurse (RN)

☐ Extended Enrolled Nurse (EEN)

☐ Enrolled Nurse (EN)

☐ Assistant in Nursing (AIN) or Personal Care Worker (PCW) or Health Care Worker

☐ Other (Please describe) _____

Your Palliative training (tick all that apply)

☐ No training

☐ On the job

☐ Short courses or other formal training not leading to a specialist qualification

Please describe:
_____

☐ Specialist qualification (certificate or tertiary qualification)

Please describe: _____

About your views on palliative care

Please rate your degree of confidence with the following resident / family interactions and resident management topics, by ticking the relevant box below

1 = Need further basic instruction
2 = Confident to perform with close supervision /coaching
3 = Confident to perform with minimal consultation
4 = Confident to perform independently

No	Resident/family interactions and clinical management	1	2	3	4
1	Answering residents questions about the dying process				
2	Supporting the resident or family member when they become upset				
3	Informing people of the support services available				
4	Discussing different environmental options (eg hospital, aged care facility, hospice)				
5	Discussing residents wishes for after their death				
6	Answering queries about the effects of certain medications				
7	Reacting to reports of pain from the resident				
8	Reacting to and coping with terminal delirium				
9	Reacting to and coping with terminal dyspnoea (breathing difficulties)				
10	Reacting to and coping with nausea / vomiting				
11	Reacting to and coping with reports of constipation				
12	Reacting to and coping with limited resident decision-making capacity				

Views about death and dying

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, by ticking the box that best describes how you feel. (There are no right or wrong answers).

No	Statement	Agree Strongly	Agree	Unsure / Mixed	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1	The end of life is a time of great suffering.					
2	Little can be done to help someone achieve a sense of peace at the end of life.					
3	The use of strong pain medication can cause the person to stop breathing.					
4	I am not comfortable caring for a dying resident.					
5	I am not comfortable talking to families about death.					
6	When a resident dies I feel that something went wrong.					
7	Feeding tubes should be used to prevent starvation at the end of life.					
8	Aged care facilities are not good places to die.					
9	Hospitals are not good places to die.					
10	Families have the right to refuse a medical treatment, even if that treatment prolongs life.					
11	Dying residents should be transferred to a hospice or hospital.					

Attitudes towards Palliative Care

No	Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
1	Pain at the end of life is an inevitable part of the dying process					
2	Pain medication should be given as needed to terminally ill residents					
3	Spiritual care should include counselling the terminally ill resident					
4	I do not like talking about death and dying with residents					
5	Palliative care should be the standard medical treatment for residents who are suffering from a terminal illness					
6	Residents should have the right to determine their own degree of medical intervention					
7	Addiction to oral morphine is not a serious issue given that terminally ill residents have a short time to live					
8	Opening discussions of end-of-life care should be deferred until there is no further effective curative treatment available					
9	Estimation of pain by an doctor or nurse is a more valid measure of pain than resident self-report					
10	Complete pain relief is a reasonable goal even when the pain is not caused by a terminal condition such as cancer					
11	Residents have the right to determine their own degree of psychosocial Intervention					
12	The most appropriate person to make end-of-life decisions is the resident's doctor					
13	A resident should experience discomfort prior to receiving the next dose of pain medications					
14	Residents should be maintained in a pain-free state					
15	As a rule, terminally ill residents prefer not to talk about death and dying					

Please indicate the importance of the issues below in terms of the problems they create for you in caring for a dying resident by ticking the box that best describes your feelings. (There are no right or wrong answers).

No	Statement	Very important	Important	Unsure	Less important	Not important
1	Control of pain					
2	Managing depression					
3	Legal concerns					
4	Ability to meet spiritual needs					
5	The resident's emotional needs					
6	Communication with family					
7	Communication with other palliative care staff					
8	Communication with (other) doctor/s					
9	Uncertainty about what is best care					
10	Other (please describe) _____ _____					

THANKYOU PLEASE PLACE THE SURVEY IN THE BOX PROVIDED IN YOUR FACILITY