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THE NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

LPCGP  Care Planning Workshop  
27 November 2006
Growing need for palliative care

- Changing demographics
  - Ageing population
  - Living longer with complex needs
  - Increasing consumer expectations
  - Increasing incidence of major drivers – eg. cancer, cardiovascular disease
  - More than terminal care
Funding for the National Program

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

Palliative Care in the Community
2006-2010 $62.8m

Local Palliative Care Grants Program
2005-2009 $23.1m
Support for patients, families and carers in the community

- Community Awareness
- Rural Palliative Care Program
- Paediatric Palliative Care Resource
- Indigenous resources
- Bereavement
- 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
Local Palliative Care Grants Program

- Four funding rounds 2005 – 2009
  - Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support (first release)
  - Pastoral care counselling and support
  - Care planning
  - Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support (second release)
1. Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support

- 55 projects funded in all states and territories
- Grants of between $30,000 and $100,000
- Projects such as refurbishment of rooms, provision of specialist equipment and workforce development have been funded
2. Pastoral care, counselling and support

- 32 projects funded, including a National Overview and Evaluation Project
- Grants of between $30,000 and $120,000
- Projects to address the emotional and spiritual needs of patients requiring palliative care and their families, by improving pastoral care, counselling and support services.
3. Care Planning

- 33 projects funded nationally
- Grants of between $100,000 and $250,000 for projects to develop flexible models of care, improve collaboration and support transition between settings of care
- Projects to share and disseminate findings
Evaluation of the Care Planning sub-program

Aims

• To promote partnerships, links and contacts

• To foster and promote discussion and information sharing

• To assist with data collection

• To support the development of communities of practice
4. Fit-out and equipping premises and transition to home support

• The fourth funding round (a second release of fit out and equipping premises and transition to home support) will be advertised in early 2007
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

• Supporting the development of communities of practice

• Visit: www.caresearch.com.au
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