



**Mid North Coast Rural Palliative Care Project –
Care Assistant Palliative Approach Course 2005**

Engaging in professional practice

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Purpose

- To assist the residential care staff to provide a palliative approach in accordance with professional, legal and ethical practice requirements.

How do we do this?

- Accountability for practice
- Ethics - Clients rights
- Using care plans to provide a palliative approach to care

Accountability for practice

- Role
- Job descriptions
- Professional Bodies
- Acknowledge limitations
- Seek to increase knowledge
- Identify when referral of care is necessary



Ethics

- Standards or principles which should underpin all decisions and behaviors of public officials
- Placing public interest before all other interests.
- What principles should we include?

Ethical Principles

- Selflessness
- Accountability
- Openness
- Honesty
- Integrity
- How do we do this?

Implementing Health Care Ethics

- Ensure client safety
- Provide Care based on need
- Documentation - Care Plans
Advance Directives

Implementing Health Care Ethics

- Communication - Keeping personal information confidential
- Respect personal and ethical beliefs
- Maintain persons dignity and quality of life

Advantages

What are the advantages to the following groups when we follow ethical guidelines in a palliative approach?

1. Client
2. Family
3. Staff
4. Facility
5. Society

Conclusion

- Using an ethical approach within our professional practice ensures a safe environment, promotes dignity and quality of life for the resident and contributes to staff satisfaction