

Palliative Care

The big picture

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Education



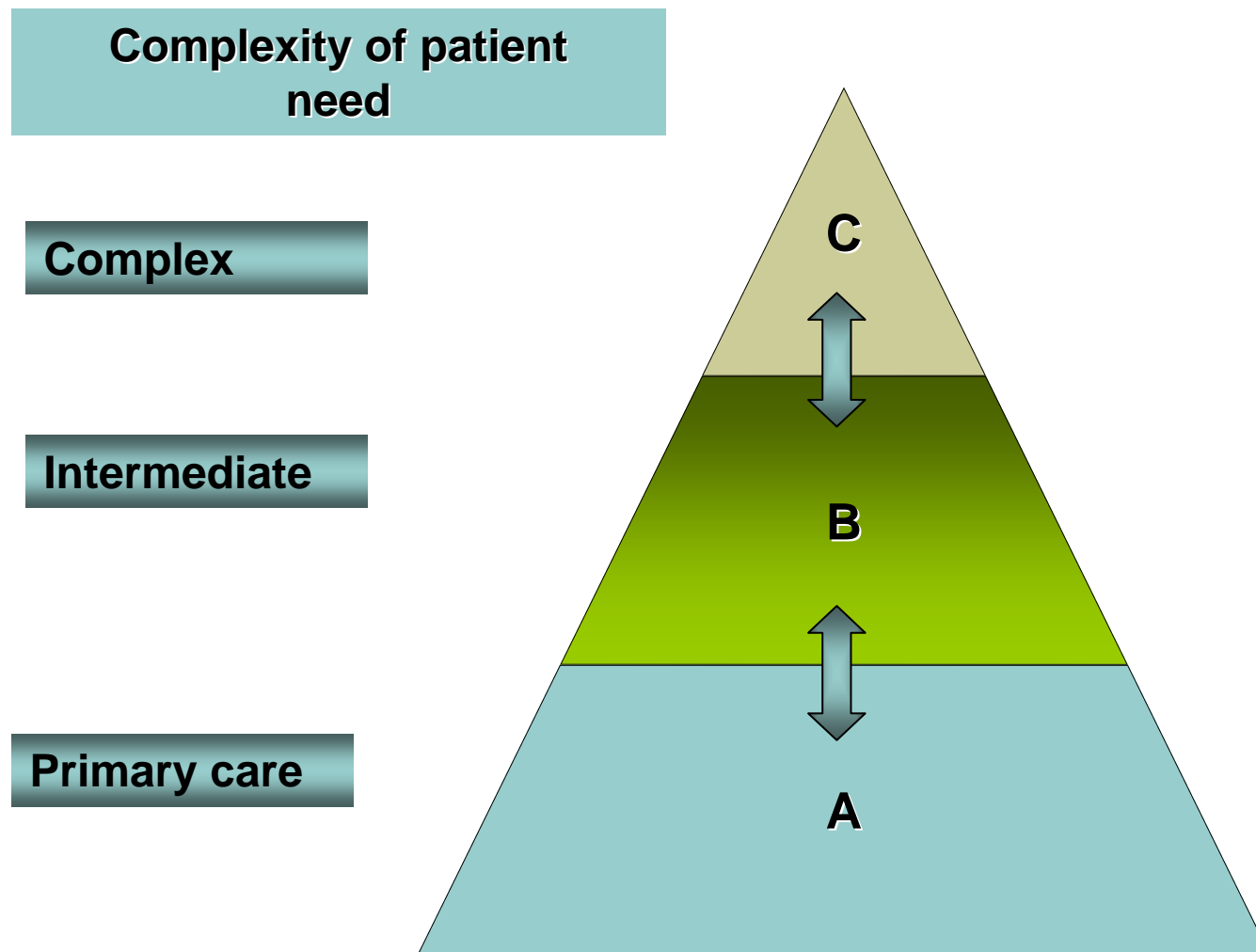
Palliative Care Australia (PCA)

- National peak body, formed to address palliative care issues
- PCA works in collaboration with the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing to implement the National Palliative Care Strategy
- PCA has established partnerships with other key health and welfare sector organisations to raise awareness in the community

PCA – policy

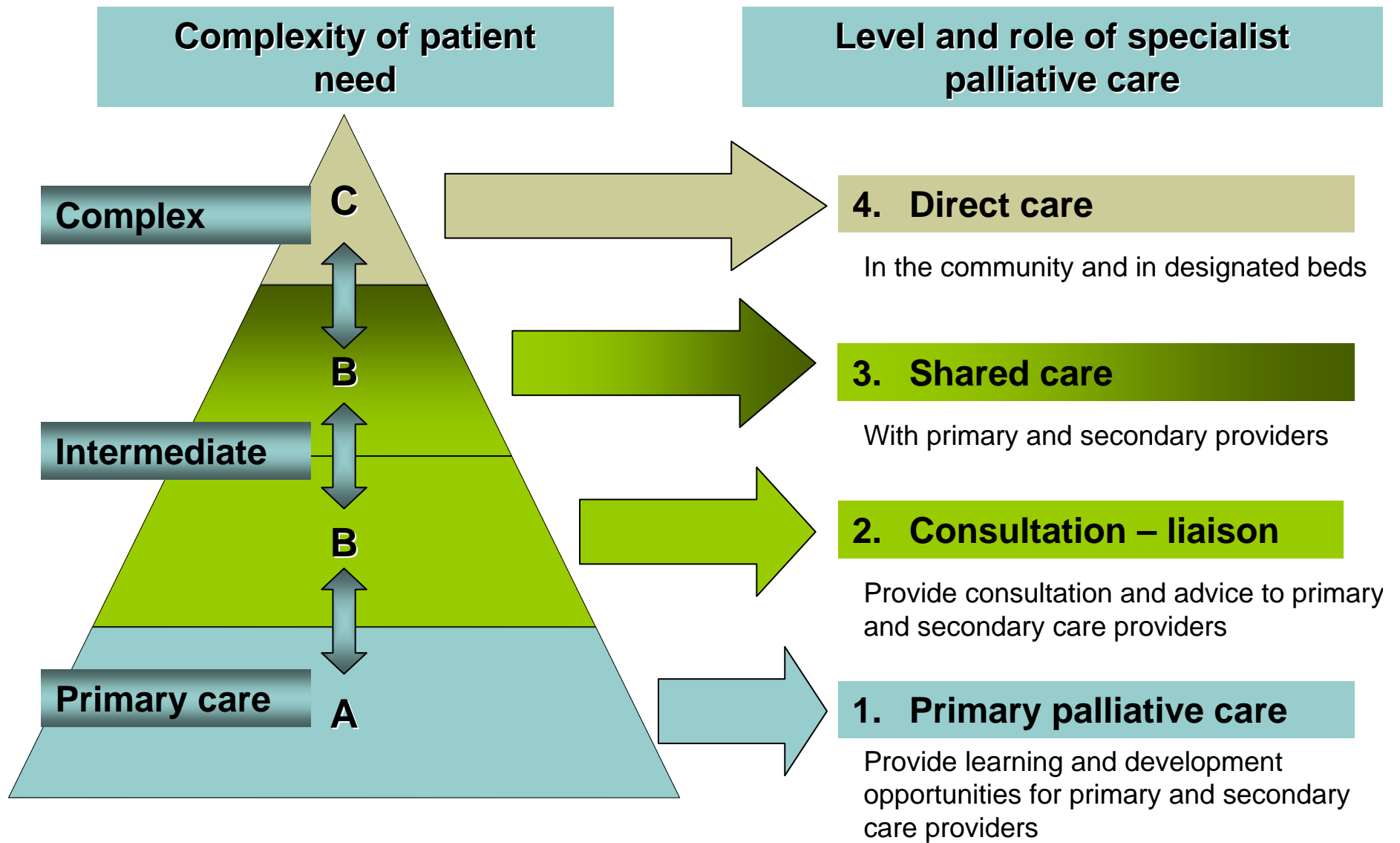
- Standards for providing quality palliative care
- Palliative Care Service provision: a planning guide
- Palliative Care Service Development: a population based approach

Figure 1: Population based approach to palliative care service delivery



1. A Guide to Palliative Care Service Development: A population based approach, 2005: p13

Figure 2: Specialist palliative care service delivery based on a population based approach with four delineated levels of care



National Palliative Care Strategy

The Strategy has three goals:

1. *Awareness and understanding*

“To improve community and professional awareness and understanding of, and professional commitment to, the role of palliative care practices in supporting the care needs of people who are dying and their families of care”.

2. *Quality and effectiveness*

“To support continuous improvement in the quality and effectiveness of all palliative care service delivery across Australia”.

3. *Partnerships in care*

“To promote and support partnerships in the provision of care for people who are dying and their families, and the infrastructure for that care, to support delivery of high quality, effective palliative care across all settings”.

The National Palliative Care Program

Four priority areas:

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

National Palliative Care Program (2006-10): Department of Health and Aging

National Palliative Care Program: Projects

- APRAC
- RPCP
- LPCG- 4 rounds, Local wins
 - 1st: Palliative Care room St Augustine's
 - 2nd: Spiritual Care Project
 - 3rd: Care Planning- 2 projects
 - Palliative Approach- Catholic Healthcare
 - Integrated Network- Mid North Coast Division of General Practice
 - 4th in progress

How we all fit into the big picture

- Education & Support to provide quality palliative care according to needs
- Partnerships between service and providers
- National network and future planning

“Palliative care is everyone’s business”

Professor David Currow

CEO Cancer Australia

Formerly President of Palliative Care Australia

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