



Palliative Care Multi-disciplinary Care Planning Meetings

Palliative Care Service Patient and Family/Carer Information sheet

A team approach to care is one of the key elements of effective palliative care service delivery.

A multi-disciplinary approach to care helps to enhance quality of life for patients and families, and ensures decisions are made according to evidence based best practice.

To ensure that all of our patients and families get the best possible care we would like to plan your care with other health care providers. This care planning is done at the multi-disciplinary care planning meeting. Before discussing your care we need to get consent from you and be sure that you fully understand how these care planning meetings operate.

The Palliative Care Multi-disciplinary Care Planning Meeting is held every Tuesday morning at Coffs Harbour Health Campus.

The care providers who will most likely make up your multi-disciplinary team will include:

- A General Practitioner and if possible, your usual General Practitioner
- Members of the Palliative Care Team, including the Community Nurses, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Social Worker, the Visiting Palliative Care Physician (when available)
- A Medical Oncologist
- Coffs Harbour Health Campus Chaplain
- Registered nurses from other relevant health care services, such as Coffs Harbour Health Campus, Baringa Private Hospital, Bellingen District Hospital, Dorrigo Multi-purpose Service and DVA Nursing Service
- The Palliative Care Network Coordinator

Other health care providers may be involved if it is relevant to your particular needs, such as:

- Aboriginal Health Staff
- Aged Care Assessment Team
- Aged Care Transitional Intervention Program (ACTIP) Staff
- Breast Care Nurse
- CHHC Social Workers
- Community Dietician, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist
- Community Care Agencies
- Discharge Planners
- Haematologist
- Medical & Nursing Students
- Oncology Staff
- Palliative Care Volunteer Coordinator
- Palliative Care Volunteers
- Radiation Oncologist
- Residential Aged Care Facility Staff
- Visiting Medical Officers

All members of the team are bound by law and ethical practice to keep your information confidential. Information is only disclosed for the direct purpose of planning the best care to meet your individual needs.

Please discuss with the Palliative Care Team member visiting you:

- issues or concerns you or your family you would like discussed
- any medical or other information you want withheld from the discussion
- how you will be provided with feedback about the care plan suggested