



## What will they do

The link nurse will liaise with management, staff and other link nurses to

- act as a portal for enquires & information
- attend monthly case conference — give update/report at meetings
- dissemination relevant clinical information,
- attend education sessions
- disseminate knowledge to colleagues
- record clinical phases changes (education session will be provided) & data collection
- ensure pathways and referrals are adhered to
- distribute appropriate material
- ensure literature and brochures etc are available to all staff & families
- report and inform relevant services of information on patients changes, discharge etc

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# LINK

An **RPAC Link Nurse** is a representative from an organisation who has a particular interest in Palliative Care.

They will act as the link **between** agencies or organisation and **within** their own agency or organisation.

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## How will it work?

A core group of RN's nominated from each of the health facilities will form an RPAC Link Nurse Group.

The RN's will meet monthly for informal breakfast 7- 8am where they can discuss any relevant issues, debrief with other like minded staff and present a case study for discussion.

This will be followed by a Case Conference to discuss registered patients in the RPAC Program. Following discussions on new admissions a brief update is to be provided on each patient by their relevant primary care nurse. This is a vital component in developing effective communication between services.

There will be three or four half day education sessions to increase the Link Nurses clinical knowledge. The timetables will be distributed well before hand so staff can negotiate/arrange shifts to attend the sessions.

The education will be funded by the RPAC Program to build capacity in the South Burnett.

## What are the benefits?

Each health facility/organisation will be assured they have a staff member who has a good palliative care knowledge base and is willing to disseminate knowledge to other staff.

Up-to-date information, available education and new material will be distributed to each service provider

Debriefing and discussion will offer self-management strategies to reduce burnout

Liaising with other health professionals will foster relationship building and good communication

Free education will build capacity for the South Burnett.

Communication between services has the potential to improve client management.



## Who can be a LINK nurse?

Any Registered Nurse who is -:

- willing and able to commit to achieving the aims of the group
- interested in educational up-skilling & whose special interest is Palliative Care. (Educational topics will include S8 drugs, syringe drivers and other relevant subjects)
- willing to take the time to disseminate this knowledge back to their colleagues and provide ongoing support to other members of staff in all aspects of palliative education
- willing to follow up with their patients to collect phase changes, relevant data and share this information at monthly Case Conferences

Nurses