

Regional Palliative Care NEWSLETTER



Palliative Approach Newsletter December 2016 Issue 2

Welcome to the second issue of the Palliative Approach Newsletter. Another year draws to a close as we celebrate the upcoming festive season.

This issue provides some resources that nurses and care workers from both Residential Aged Care Facilities and Disability Services across the southwest region can access anytime especially over the holiday season.

Decision Assist

A great resource to enhance the provision of palliative care and advance care planning services to the aged nationally, the Australian Government has funded the Specialist Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning Advisory Services (Decision Assist) Project.

Decision Assist have established an advisory service to general practitioners and aged care staff in all areas of Australia, 24 hours / day, 7 days / week via national 1300 668 908.

If you have any questions on either ACP or Palliative Care please call them or visit their website for more information.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/2583/Default.aspx>

24 hour telephone support is available from palliative care specialists for doctors and nurses.

Decision Assist Aged Care Webinar Series

Decision Assist presents a series of webinars as a guide through the fundamentals of advance care planning. Topics include communication, diversity, grief and loss, recognising when a person's condition is changing, and how to assist people with planning for their current and future care. Participation in webinars is free using the following link:

<https://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/3207/Default.aspx>

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Palliative Care Online Training

This website helps health professionals and care workers providing palliative care to aged persons in the community to improve the quality of their practice. This free online training is designed for the Australian health context, and is available to participants by simply registering and completing the following User Enrolment Survey after logging in. <http://www.palliativecareonline.com.au/>

End of Life Essentials

Wanting free, peer reviewed evidence based learning? New online education is available launched in October this year. The education modules are designed to assist clinical staff working in acute hospitals in delivering end of life care. They provide clinically relevant and evidence based learning materials with quizzes, evidence based links and educational videos. Clinicians are encouraged to examine their own practice and build on their individual expertise across a wide range of issues which are fundamental to quality and safe end-of-life care in hospitals.

<http://us14.campaign-archive1.com/?u=dbe0f2e1f9593d04fd8a5cc45&id=4ca122fd4e&e=e9f366f419>

Palliative Approach Toolkit

Please see the link below to the Palliative Approach Toolkit for Residential Aged Care Facilities. The toolkit has been delivered to all residential aged care facilities in Australia to encourage a consistent approach to care for our residents. The Palliative Approach Toolkit website has been upgraded with access to the toolkit and many more resources. I hope you can take the time to have a look here:

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/tabid/3629/Default.aspx>

Four Steps to Building Dementia Practice in Primary Care

Free online learning promoting evidence based approach to dementia detection, diagnosis and support in primary care setting using the following link:

<http://www.apna.asn.au/onlinelearning>



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Upcoming Education 2017

Enabling EDIE - 3 Hour workshop for Health Professionals

This workshop aims to increase understanding of dementia by placing participants in the virtual shoes of a person living with the condition 'Edie' using Alzheimer's Australia VICs unique

Educational Dementia Immersive Experience (EDIE).

Please check with your workplace or use the below link for more information:

<https://vic.fightdementia.org.au/edie>

Dementia Essentials CHCAGE005 workshop

This nationally accredited 3 day program (duration 3 x 6 hour sessions) is designed to assist workers supporting people living with dementia. Strategies are explored to assist with good communication, planning and developing appropriate activities and understanding behaviours in people with dementia. Available at various locations or at your workplace. Refer to below link for more information.

<https://vic.fightdementia.org.au/vic/accredited-programs#CarEsse>

Understanding Dementia MOOC Course 2017 (University of Tasmania)

I would highly recommend it to anyone working in aged care and disability services. This is a 9 week online course that builds upon the latest in international research on dementia. It is free and anyone can register so check out the dates for the next year. To register for this course click on the below link <http://www.utas.edu.au/wicking/understanding-dementia> and follow the prompts to register your interest.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting and attending the workshops throughout 2016. I wish you and your families a wonderful, happy and safe festive season and look forward to working with you again in 2017!

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