

A guide to using CareSearch for GPs and primary care providers

The GP Hub

GPs have a important role in providing end-of-life care for their patients. They are proactive in establishing palliative care for individual patients who remain in their home or a residential aged care facility by establishing a care pathway, coordinating care across the health system, and by collaborating with other healthcare providers.

The [CareSearch General Practitioner Hub](#) is a rich resource for GPs, covering:

- Patient assessment as a critical first step in identifying and responding to palliative care needs.
- Guidance on [initiating discussions](#) on care planning and [sharing care](#) with other health professionals.
- [Managing common symptoms](#) to improve or optimize a person's level of comfort and function.
- [Recognising dying](#) and terminal care management.
- [Bereavement support](#) for family members and carers who may be struggling after the death of a loved one.
- [Professional practice](#), including CME and self-care.
- [The CareSearchgp app](#) - a free interactive resource for GPs bringing together information on key end-of-life care issues, including current guidance on terminal prescribing and symptom management

The Primary Health Care Hub

The PHC Hub provides information on:

- Palliative care [pathways and frameworks](#), including triggers that can help you to provide palliative care as part of your practice.
- [Referral](#) to specialist palliative care, including referral forms and guidance on how to access these services.
- Documentation needed for [care transitions](#).

The Community Hub

Here you will find information and resources to give to [patients and carers](#) to help them understand what a life-limiting illness diagnosis might mean for them and where they can look for further support.