



“Palliative care has walked alongside me since my diagnosis.

They have been a support for me and my family every step of the way.”

More information

Talk to your doctor about your options and preferences for palliative care.

HealthyWA has information about palliative care in Western Australia.

healthywa.wa.gov.au/endoflifecare

Palliative Care WA has information on their website about palliative care services, resources, advance care planning workshops, grief support, and sector and community events.

Visit palliativecarewa.asn.au

1300 551 704 (business hours)

info@palliativecarewa.asn.au

Advance Care Planning Australia has resources to help you start the conversation about end of life care with your loved ones and health professionals.

advancecareplanning.org.au

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Your palliative care journey



Supportive care

Hearing that your illness cannot be cured is frightening.

It is important to ask for help and support when you need it.

The dying process is different for everyone

It can mean changes to every part of your life.

Knowing what support is available, and how to access it, can help you to live as well as you can.

Palliative care can support you in finding peace and meaning when you face an incurable illness.



What is palliative care?

Palliative care offers you and your loved ones support to live, die and grieve well. It does not aim to find a cure for your illness but can be undertaken alongside curative treatments.

Palliative care can include:

- support for you to live as actively as possible
- relief from pain, nausea, shortness of breath and other symptoms
- access to services like respite care, home help and financial support
- equipment to help you live at home
- support for your emotional, social and spiritual concerns
- support to meet your cultural needs
- counselling and grief support for you, your family and loved ones.

“Palliative care does not mean the end of treatment – it means making choices about which treatments are important to you, and which are not.”

Who is palliative care for?

Palliative care is for anyone diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, it is available to:

- people of any age
- people with any diagnosis
- people at any state of their illness, from the time of diagnosis
- to those receiving curative treatments, such as chemotherapy or dialysis.

Early referral can improve your quality of life.

Palliative care also provides support and advice for family and carers.

Planning for the future

A serious illness can take away your ability to make or communicate decisions about your care.

Starting the conversation with your doctor and loved ones about your future treatment choices will help everyone be prepared.

This conversation is known as advance care planning.