



GP education on advance care planning and palliative care

General practitioners (GPs) play a pivotal role in delivering care to the elderly at the end of life, both in the community and in aged care facilities. Decision Assist will support GPs to provide this care.

GPs and aged care staff will have access to a **national phone advisory service - 1300 668 908** – to call for advance care planning advice (8am-8pm) and palliative care advice (24/7).

Decision Assist offers education and training to GPs on:

1. Advance care planning (ethics, legalities, discussions, documentation). Educational opportunities include:

- Interactive 2 hour workshops, organised through Medicare Locals and GP conferences
- E-learning modules.

These **activities are accredited** (for CDP points) with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).

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2. Palliative care. By applying a framework of care, based on prognostic trajectories and using key clinical processes, GPs can identify the palliative care needs of the elderly. Educational opportunities include:

- A case-based interactive workshop conducted at national and state GP conferences and by Medicare Locals and specialist palliative care services – accredited for 3 QI&CPD points with RACGP and 2 core points with ACRRM
- A case-based E-learning module (as an alternative to the workshop) available through RACGP and ACRRM online platform – similarly accredited to workshop
- A clinical audit for GPs – accredited for 40 QI&CPD points with RACGP and 30 PRPD with ACRRM
- An Active Learning Module (ALM) – accredited for 40 QI&CPD points with RACGP and 30 PRPD with ACRRM.

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To find out more about the range of GP educational opportunities, including workshop times and locations, visit the Decision Assist website www.decisionassist.org.au