



## Linkages

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**Decision Assist:** A program to help deliver palliative care and advance care planning in aged care. This includes a telephone advisory service on **1300 668 908**.

The **Decision Assist Linkages Project** strengthens and encourages links between palliative care services **and** aged care providers both in residential and community settings around Australia.

The project funds enabling grants aimed at:

- Developing **communication pathways and tools** between palliative care and aged care that support improved coordination and quality of end of life care
- Establishing **formalised agreements** between palliative care services and aged care services
- Developing **multidisciplinary care approaches** across palliative care services and aged care services
- Establishing **new or enhance existing linkages** between palliative care and aged care.

**Why?** To ensure high quality, well-coordinated palliative care, teamwork, partnerships and cooperation across services and care providers. Older people at the end of life often have unique and complex end of life care and support needs.

To address these needs, palliative care can be provided in many different settings including public and private hospitals and primary and community care.

More information on the Decision Assist Linkages Project is available at [www.decisionassist.com.au](http://www.decisionassist.com.au)