



Home-based palliative care resources and tools for pharmacists

Community pharmacists play an important role in supporting families and carers who are providing care for a person at home.

There are tailored resources, services and education available to assist community pharmacists in supporting health professionals, home-based palliative care patients and their families.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTORY (NHSD)

Australian Government's national directory of health services and practitioners

Pharmacies can now let their community know they stock palliative care medicines from the **National Core Community Palliative Care Medicines List**.

Simply update the pharmacy's **NHSD** service offering to include 'Palliative medicine service'. This helps people find local pharmacies via the **healthdirect Service Finder** and can:

- ✓ Improve access to urgent symptom relief
- ✓ Support home-based patients in the terminal phase
- ✓ Show that the pharmacy stocks core medicines.

Next steps

- 1 Stock the core palliative medicines
- 2 Update the NHSD service listing
- 3 Communicate offerings to the community
- 4 Access resources, tools and training

A short how-to video is also available on the [website](#).

PHARMACY PACK

Practical resources for home-based care

Pharmacists can support families and carers in providing care at home with the **Community Palliative Care Resources Pharmacy Pack**.

The pack includes resources for practical care, physical symptom management, and subcutaneous medicine management.

Pharmacists can order one pack per pharmacy.

Scan the QR code to order.



OTHER RESOURCES

Additional resources & training for pharmacists

ASPIRE Training: A free, CPD-accredited course for pharmacists by PSA. Builds knowledge, skills, and compassion to support people receiving palliative and end-of-life care.

National Core Community Palliative Care Medicines education module: Adds to the foundations of palliative care explored in ASPIRE Training and provides pharmacists with knowledge about the core medicines.

National Core Community Palliative Care Medicines List: Identifies four medicines for use by home-based palliative patients in the terminal phase who require urgent symptom relief.

palliMEDS app: Supports primary care prescribers to provide optimal symptom management for patients in the community.



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