



## Domain 2 – Practice

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caring@home increases capacity of primary healthcare professionals to proactively plan and implement quality home-based palliative care

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### The Problem

Most Australians wish to die at home, however, there remains the problem of people being admitted to clinical settings unnecessarily at the end of their lives.

With the predicted changes to demographics of future Australia, there will be a substantial increase in the number of people dying an expected death. Most of these people will have one or more chronic diseases and will reside in the community. Few will require or have access to specialist palliative care.

Palliative care will need to be incorporated into existing primary healthcare systems and care for patients and support for families and carers will increasingly need to be provided by primary healthcare professionals.

These primary healthcare professionals, e.g. Practice Nurses and Nurse Practitioners will require a formalised, proactive process of care planning and standardised resources to support provision of optimal symptom management and quality palliative care.

### What did you do?

caring@home convened 3 advisory committees with representation from key clinical stakeholders from every State and Territory in Australia to advise on the review of existing resources, development of new resources and delivery of education for the primary health workforce.

