

End of life and Palliative Care in Residential Aged Care

GP Consultation

Event Agenda - Wednesday 20 October 2021
7am-9am UWA University Club

❖ Acknowledgment of Country, Introductions and Welcome

- Facilitator: Jane Harwood
- Welcome and Introduction from WA Primary Health Alliance and WA Department of Health

❖ Current Palliative Care Support in RACFs Presentations and NPA Overview

- Overview of themes of July event (National Partnership Agreement End of Life and Palliative Care in Aged Care)
- Opportunity for primary care funded initiatives
- Existing palliative care support available for Metropolitan RACFs
 - Speaker: Gabriella Jerrat Program Manager Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning End of Life Care | Health Networks

❖ GP Panel Presentations

- Setting the scene: A GPs life in the world of residential aged care
 - Speakers (bios below):

<p>Dr Simon Torvaldsen</p> <p><i>Dr Simon Torvaldsen is a GP and Practice Principal at Third Avenue Surgery, Mount Lawley and the AMA (WA) Council of General Practice Chair. Dr Torvaldsen has worked as a palliative care registrar at the Hollywood Palliative Care Unit for 12 months. Along with running his own private palliative care unit for a number of years, he has also spent 16 years as a palliative care Dr for Silver Chain Hospice.</i></p>	<p>Dr Scott Blackwell</p> <p><i>Dr Scott Blackwell is a GP and Practice Principal at Collaborative Healthcare which provides medical services to residents of Residential Aged Care. Dr Blackwell has held the positions of AMAWA President, President of Palliative Care WA and Palliative Care Australia, Chair of the Medical Council and the Clinical Senate of WA and is Chair of the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Board</i></p>
<p>Dr Anastasia Isakova</p> <p><i>Dr Anastasia Isakova is a GP at Rowethorpe Medical Centre Bentley and is a member of the WA Department of Health Older Adult Health Network. Dr Isakova was the 2020 RACGP Registrar of the Year.</i></p>	<p>Dr Craig Berg</p> <p><i>Dr Craig Berg is a GP at Hollywood GP and specialises in the area of aged care. Dr Berg has spent the last 20 years working 90% of his time in RACFs. He currently runs a practice bringing young GPs into aged care which includes 10 GPs, including registrars, at any time doing aged care work. Dr Berg and his colleagues cover 12 facilities and over 700 residents, with about 250 dying in the facilities each year.</i></p>





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- What level of interaction do you currently have with palliative care services (e.g. MPaCCS, Silver Chain)? What are the mechanisms to improve this?
- Case conferencing has been a successful model in other regions to improve relationships between GPs, palliative care and geriatricians within the residential aged care setting. Do you see an opportunity in your practice to collaborate with specialist services if they were made available to you?
- Is there any additional support you would like to have in providing care for patients resident in aged care facilities?
 - What kind of specialist support would best assist you? Geriatrician, palliative care? Others?
 - Access to clinical support in and/out of hours and/or telehealth?
 - What additional PHN support, including new WA HealthPathways, would be of use for GPs working in RACFs?

❖ Group review of themes and prioritisation/discussion

❖ Closing statements

- Facilitator: Jane Harwood

