

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Palliative Care Champion in General Practice Pilot

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What is a “Palliative Care Champion” in general practice?	A Palliative Care Practice Champion is a member of your team with a strong interest in palliative and end-of-life care, who is committed to working alongside others in the practice to implement the Greater Choices for at Home Palliative Care pilot.
What is the Greater Choices for At Home Palliative Care (Greater Choices) pilot?	Greater Choices is funded by the Department of Health and Aged Care and aims to allow more Australians, including older Australians, improved access to safe, quality palliative care at home. This pilot aims to strengthen the approach to end-of-life care in general practice and allow people who wish to remain at home to do so.
How will the Palliative Care Champion role help GPs to support people with Palliative and End-of-Life care needs?	WAPHA recognises that GPs are well placed to provide palliative and end-of-life care for their patients. However, it is understood that GPs face several barriers that impact on the provision of this care. The Palliative Care Champion role will be funded through the Greater Choices initiative to support the work of GPs caring for people at the end of their life.
What will the Palliative Care Champion be expected to do?	The “Champion” will undertake a range of activities including audit, implementation of a palliative care screening tool, promoting the uptake of Advance Care Planning (ACP), promoting the uploading of ACPs to My Health Record (MHR), coordinating a Learning Needs Analysis survey for GPs and Practice Nurses, and supporting the implementation of a model of care known as the “Planned Approach to Palliative Care in general practice”. WAPHA will provide support and guidance to the Champion and the practice through this work.
What is the “Planned Approach to Palliative Care”?	The proposed model of care recognises the need for a structured approach to the assessment and care coordination of patients with advanced chronic illness. This model of care provides a suggested approach that is aligned to optimising MBS reimbursement.

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<p>What are the benefits to participating in this pilot?</p>	<p>This pilot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offers resources and a systematic approach to support and strengthen the care that your practice already provides to patients with advanced chronic illness, • supports accreditation requirements through the introduction of palliative care-specific QI activities which meet PIP-incentive payments, • provides access to additional Quality Improvement Coach support for the duration of the pilot, supports GP CPD requirements offering a targeted education program based on the palliative care learning needs of GPs and Practice Nurses, and offers access to a Specialist Palliative Care Consultant to support case review.
<p>How do we get involved?</p>	<p>Practices are invited to apply for the Palliative Care Champion grant through WAPHA's Aspire Portal.</p>
<p>What if we want more information?</p>	<p>For further information, please contact Tish Morrison (Activity Lead – Palliative Care) via email gpgrants@wapha.org.au or contact WAPHA (08 6272 4900)</p>