

Sector Capacity Development

Poi is an initiative by the Hospices of Auckland to help general practice and residential care deliver the best possible quality of life for patients and their family/whanau during a person's final months.

General practice and residential care joining Poi will build skills and confidence in palliative care. Poi enables:

- Consistent identification of people with palliative needs
- Payments for the development of a simple palliative plan with patient and whanau
- Free advice from the Poi Clinical team
- Improved linkage to community support for your patient
- Opportunities to access coaching and support packages to build palliative care skills

Projects to develop greater capacity of the sector include training General Practitioners with a Special Interest in Palliative Care, training of psychosocial interns, and establishing a cultural hub. The link nurse programme will also develop capacity.

Capacity development activities of Poi



GPs with a special interest in palliative care

Training GPs with a special interest in palliative care (GPSIs) will develop 'champions' for palliative care in the primary care workforce who have expertise in both primary care and palliative care.

GPSI training will be provided by a hospice accredited as an advanced training site by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) for local FRNZCGP qualified GP or GPEP trainee with a demonstrated passion for palliative care. It will involve the training required to attain the RACP Clinical Diploma in Palliative Medicine and ongoing support.



Psychosocial internships

Psychosocial internships will support the development of a regional workforce with core competencies aimed towards psycho-social-spiritual-cultural palliative care service delivery.

A psychosocial internship will be provided by a suitably qualified hospice for graduates of professions defined within the practice of psycho-social-spiritual-cultural service delivery. It will involve six months of education training and shadowing in all aspects of Hospice service delivery in palliative care .



Cultural Hub

The development of a Cultural Hub has three main objectives:

1. Develop a shared depository of palliative care resources for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.
2. Support the provision of cross-cultural communication as part of the local hospice MDT and link nurse programme training.
3. Establish a team of CALD volunteers who can communicate about palliative care, share appropriate education resources, and provide emotional, social and spiritual support to patients and families in end of life care settings.

For more information on Poi:

- Visit the Poi webpage on the POAC infrastructure at www.poiauckland.co.nz
- Contact your local hospice MDT

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