

# CENTRE ON-LINE

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## Did You Know:

That over 1250 delegates from 38 countries attended *Together! Cultural connections for quality care at the end of life* in Perth from September 24-27. This meeting combined the 10th Australian Palliative Care Conference and the 8th Asia Pacific Hospice Conference.

Conference presentations will be available shortly on the [PCA website](#).

## Newsletter Content

Please email [CPCRE](#) if there is content that you would like considered for publication in Centre On-Line.

## Mailing List

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## CPCRE News Update

**Calendar** - The Centre is currently seeking entries for its 2010 Education Calendar. If you would like your palliative care education activities to be in the Calendar, please email details to [CPCRE](#). Activities will be added to our online calendar also.

**PEPA** - Applications close on **Friday 30th October** for placements for doctors. Limited nursing and allied health positions remain. At 30th June 2009, this triennium's completed placements were 69 nurses, 16 doctors, 23 allied health professionals, and 38 Indigenous health workers. Placements are well funded and your workplace may be eligible for a substantial backfill allowance. Please email [Kathryn Laurent](#) or call (07) 3636 6216 for more information.

**Online Education Module** - CPCRE launched its Online Education Module recently, with six students participating in the pilot project. It is hoped the module will be run again early in 2010. For further information, email [John Haberecht](#) or call (07) 3636 8197.

## Upcoming CPCRE Educational Activities

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CPCRE and PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach), are running the following workshops over the next few months:

- CPCRE Clinical Skills Update Toowoomba 30th October 2009 (now fully subscribed)
- PEPA Allied Health workshop Toowoomba 30th October 2009
- PEPA GP Update Toowoomba 31st October 2009

**For more information on PEPA workshops**, or to apply for a clinical exchange, please email [Kathryn Laurent](#) or phone (07) 3636 6216.

**For more information on Clinical Skills Updates**, please email [John Haberecht](#) or phone 3636 8197.

## CPCRE 9th Annual Research Conference - Date Claimer

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CPCRE's **9th Annual Research Conference** will be held in the Russell Strong Auditorium, Princess Alexandra Hospital, on **Friday 23rd April 2010**.

Most presentations from the 2009 conference are available on the [CPCRE](#) website. For more information or to provide feedback or suggestions for future conferences, please email [CPCRE](#).

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## Newsflash - Queensland Activity

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[Palliative Care Queensland Biennial Conference](#) - Ipswich, May 21st & 22nd, 2010. *For more information, contact PCQ directly on (07) 3633 0096 or by visiting [Palliative Care Queensland](#).*

[Palliative Care Nurses Australia 3rd Biennial Conference](#) - Brisbane, August 27th & 28th, 2010.

## Needs Assessment Tool Workshops

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**Prof Patsy Yates** and **Assoc Prof Geoff Mitchell** will facilitate [workshops](#) on 4th and 5th November titled '**Assessing Needs of People with progressive cancer**'. The workshop focus is the Needs Assessment Tool: Progressive Disease Cancer (NAT:PD-C) developed by the Centre for Health Research & Psycho-oncology ([CHeRP](#)). The two workshops have the same content.

CHeRP is a behavioural research group within the University of Newcastle; the NAT: PD-C was developed to complement the Palliative Care Needs Assessment Guidelines.

## Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC)

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The ultimate measure of health care quality is the outcomes that patients and carers achieve. The PCOC goal is to work with Australian palliative care services to optimise quality of care and minimise variations in practice that compromise patient and carer outcomes. Funded by the Australian Department of Health and Ageing, PCOC is a world first quality initiative in palliative care with demonstrated success in achieving improvements in clinical practice.

PCOC thanks all participating services in Queensland for their efforts in participating in this quality improvement programme. As PCOC moves into the next phase (funded until 2013), many services in Qld have already embedded routine outcomes measurement into daily practice. They are now being supported with the wider integration of PCOC and its uses locally in clinical practice change and quality improvement.

PCOC Qld are planning to hold the next Qld Palliative Care Quality Improvement Network Meeting on November 4th 2009 at 9am via teleconference. Dial in details will be available soon.

*If you have any questions or require further information regarding PCOC, please email [Susan Mylne](#) or phone on 07 3138 6130.*

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