

# Meeting the needs of people with progressive cancer



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## The Palliative Care Needs Assessment Guidelines and Needs Assessment Tool

Supporting a needs based model of palliative care has become an important focus, so that people receive care according to their needs, independent of diagnosis or prognosis.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing has funded a national team headed by Prof Afaf Girgis, to develop and evaluate Palliative Care Needs Assessment Guidelines and a Needs Assessment Tool to facilitate needs based care, including timely palliative care for patients who would benefit from it at any stage of their cancer journey.

Part of this work is to provide education and training for oncologists, GPs, nurses and palliative care health professionals in implementing the Guidelines and Tool in their own clinical settings.

### Session Objectives

- Increase understanding of the palliative care approach and barriers that may hinder its delivery
- Assess the areas and levels of need presented by simulated patients with advanced cancer and their caregivers, by applying the Needs Assessment Tool: Progressive Disease-Cancer (NAT: PD-C)
- Be better equipped to communicate and support the needs of people with advanced cancer and their family

### Workshop details

**Date:** Thursday 5th November 2009

**Time:** 1-4pm

**Venue:** Auditorium, Ground Floor,  
Cancer Council QLD  
553 Gregory Terrace,  
Fortitude Valley, QLD, 4006 (Opposite the old museum)



**Accreditation:** RACGP Category 2 Activity (2 points per hour, total 6 points, Activity ID: 745903);  
ACRRM for 3 PDP Core Points; 3 RCNA Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) points.

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