

Toowoomba Hospital

Palliative Medicine - RMO Campaign 2023

Public / private	Public
Service name	Toowoomba Hospital Specialist Palliative Care Service
Service type	Specialist Palliative Care Hospital Consultation Liaison service Specialist Palliative Care Community Service and Outpatient Service
Patient referral groups	Adults with life limiting illness with a prognosis of less than 12 months or complex palliative care issues
Annual no. of referrals	Approx 400-500 referrals for the inpatient consultation team Approx 200 referrals for community follow-up Approx 100 referrals for outpatient follow-up
Inpatient bed numbers	NIL
Inpatient annual admissions	NIL
Staffing & Supervision	Medical Staff: 2 Staff Specialists – 2 fulltime 1 x Registrar (Palliative Medicine AT) 1 x Registrar (BPT level) 1 x RMO
RACP accreditation – define category(ies)	Accredited for terms: Cancer care setting Inpatient Consultation Pending accreditation for community
Service Benefits (drawcard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seamless care provision across inpatient/outpatient to community • Excellent integration with Medical oncology, Haematology • Affiliated with medical schools University of Queensland • Dedicated weekly Registrar education and journal club/complex case.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional education opportunities via General medicine program in the hospital as well as good connections with Gold Coast Specialist Palliative and Supportive Care Service and Specialist Palliative Care Rural and Remote Telehealth Service (SPaRTa).
Service Highlights / benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong relationship with local General Practitioners • Strong relationships with Medical Oncology, Haematology, General Medicine
Hospital Web link	Darling Downs Health Darling Downs Health