

Sunshine Coast Hospital & Health Service

Palliative Medicine - RMO Campaign 2023

Public / private	Public
Service name	Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service District Specialist Palliative Care Service
Service type	<p>Sunshine Coast University Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inpatient - consult liaison - outpatient <p>Nambour General Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - outpatient clinic - consultation service - Specialist Palliative Rural Telehealth Service (SPARTA) <p>Caloundra Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dove inpatient unit - Outpatient clinic - Consult Liaison Service offices <p>Community Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - home visits - RACF visits - Telehealth <p>Gympie Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inpatient consultation - outpatient clinic <p>Maleny Hospital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inpatient video consultation only
Patient referral groups	Adults and children with malignant and non-malignant conditions from all specialities
Annual no. of referrals	600 to Dove PCU 2056 outpatient episodes 250 direct care inpatients in SCUH 650 consult inpatients in SCUH
Inpatient bed numbers	Approx 400 admissions to Dove per annum 18 inpatient beds at Caloundra, 4 day patient beds at Caloundra
Inpatient annual admissions	250 direct care inpatients in SCUH

Staffing & Supervision	<p>Staff are employed by Sunshine Coast Palliative Care Service and deployed across all sites</p> <p>Medical Staff:</p> <p>3 Staff Specialists</p> <p>2 Advanced Trainee registrar positions.</p> <p>1 Basic Medicine Trainee</p> <p>JHOs at Dove PCU and SCUH</p>
RACP accreditation –define category(ies)	<p>Accredited for Advanced Trainee for Community, Consult Liaison, Inpatient (Hospice) and non-core terms and Diploma in Palliative Medicine</p>
Service Benefits (drawcard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affiliated with medical schools at Sunshine Coast University, Griffith University • Affiliated with RACGP • Teaching opportunities available • Dedicated weekly Registrar education and journal club via video/teleconference • The service has a small research arm – opportunity to conduct research with support from local Medical School and Department of Medicine • 24 hr telephone on call service • Strong liaison with RACF services • Exposure to Neurodegenerative clients and paediatrics – well supported by local paediatrics and Lady Cilento Children’s Hospital, Brisbane • Leading service for provision of Telehealth virtual consultations
Service Highlights / benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardised service • Comprehensive Care delivery • Strong community component and commitment to care in the community • Strong relationship with local General Practitioners and community nursing providers • Strong teaching component • Able to support GP registrar training (extended skills) via RACGP • Well supported by resident staff – junior house officers, nursing staff, allied health staff and psychologist, Pharmacist
Hospital Web link	<p>https://www.health.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast</p>