

# Palliative care decision making groups

## Academic Units

### Function in implementing Strengthening Palliative Care Policy (SPCP)

Provide academic expertise/rigour to the implementation, evaluation and refresh of the SPCP.

#### Role

- Provide advice and support in relation to undertaking and applying academic research and best practice principles to consortia and palliative care services.

#### Responsibilities

- working with the department and other key groups to evaluate and refresh the SPCP
- evidence
- research
- develop and jointly run a research seminar series
- update sector re: research projects
- educative role – e.g. focus on a particular methodological/analytical approach.
- facilitate learning and research opportunities for consortia
- provide linkage, dissemination of information and support for people
- undertaking palliative care research and/or postgraduate education in Victoria
- communications strategy
- ‘State of the Nation’ palliative care postgraduate students.
- work towards collaborative/consortium – common Masters program.

#### Structure

- meet as a group twice yearly
- core group to comprise representatives from:
  - Centre for Palliative Care (St Vincent’s Health and University of Melbourne)
  - Professorial Chair, Southern Health/Monash University
  - Vivian Bullwinkel Chair in Nursing, Monash University
  - Palliative Care Unit, La Trobe University
  - Professor of Cancer and Palliative Care Studies, La Trobe University and Austin Health Clinical School of Nursing.

#### Communication/relationship with other groups

- attend statewide palliative care meeting
- receive monthly update
- link with each individual consortium on an as-needs basis as identified by academic units/consortia
- consider model of each academic unit linking with one consortium for a period of time
- link with VCOG and relevant stream groups:
  - palliative medicine
  - psycho oncology.