

Does your team have the skills and knowledge needed to provide high-quality palliative care?

A robust and skilled health workforce is essential to ensure palliative care delivery is sustainable. **Competencies** are an excellent way to support health care providers to identify the skills, knowledge and attitudes required when providing a palliative approach to care across all settings.

How do I know if I'm meeting competencies in palliative care in my practice?

The <u>Canadian Interdisciplinary Palliative Care</u>
<u>Competency Framework</u> was developed by an extensive network of palliative care experts and stakeholders, Health Canada and the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer to help health care providers build palliative care capacity and competency across Canada.

The framework builds on existing provincial frameworks and aims to inform national standards by setting competencies in essential skills, knowledge and abilities for palliative care practice across five disciplines – nursing, medicine, social work, personal support work and volunteering.

Competencies are organized under 12 domains of practice and can be applied both for those

who specialize in palliative care and those who wish to integrate its principles into their practice.

How to use the framework?

The framework includes discipline-specific self-assessment tools and education resources to help care providers and policy-makers assess competencies, identify learning needs and monitor progress toward providing high-quality palliative care in multiple settings.

Who will the framework benefit?

- Health Care Providers
- Educators
- Managers and Supervisors

Where can I access the self-assessment tools?

https://www.partnershipagainstcancer.ca/topics/palliative-care-competency-framework/self-assessments/

Looking for more information?

Contact the Palliative Care Resource Team at <u>palliativecare@yukon.ca</u> or (867)667-9380.

Specifically, the disciplines with competencies in the framework:



The framework includes:



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Yukon A message from the **Palliative Care Resource Team**

Free palliative care webinars for Health Care Providers

As a capacity-building tele-mentoring program, the Palliative Care ECHO Project is designed to create virtual communities of learners by bringing together local healthcare providers with regional, provincial/territorial, and national subject matter experts for continuous learning, deep-dive learning opportunities, fostering an "all learn, all teach" approach.





National ECHO programming is free for all health care professionals to participate in. Some ECHO sessions are targeted to specific professions or practice areas.

- Personal Support Worker Community of **Practice Series**
- Long-Term Care Community of Practice
- Community-Based Primary Palliative Care Community of Practice Series

How do I access the webinars?

The PCRT is hosting a select few Palliative Care ECHO webinars in different Continuing Care settings for health care providers to be able to attend in person together. For those in Continuing Care, you may have seen the session list circulated in May and we thank you those who have attended!

There are two up-coming in-person webinars in August and September. Each webinar will be followed by a half-hour conversation about the topic. Interested health care providers can register by calling PCRT at 867 667-9380 or email palliativecare@yukon.ca.

Would like to attend, but can't?

All past and up-coming ECHO online webinars are recorded! Find them at: www.pallium.ca/palliative-care-echo-project/

The Palliative Care Resource Team -

PCRT supports a continuous learning journey for all health care professionals in Yukon. We're here to help you build on your capacity to provide a palliative care approach to care.

To learn more, email palliativecare@yukon.ca or call (867) 667-9380.

The Palliative Care **Resource Team**

Palliative Care is a specialized approach to care for people who are living with a life-limiting illness. Its goal is to provide comfort and dignity for the person living with the illness, as well as the best possible quality of life for them and their family.

Palliative Care addresses the person's physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and practical needs and their associated expectations, hopes and fears. A palliative approach to care can begin at the time someone receives a palliative diagnosis, and continue all the way through end-of-life care.

The Palliative Care Resource team includes a Registered Nurse, a Community Liaison & Education Coordinator and a Social Worker.

Through education, consultation and health system navigation, we support:

- Health-care providers
- Yukoners living with a life-limiting illness
- People who are approaching end of life
- Family members
- Caregivers

We're here to:

- Help you navigate the health-care system to best support your needs
- Provide palliative care education

We support care providers with:

- Best practice information
- Assessment tools
- Clinical advice

While the team does not coordinate primary care, we provide assistance to care providers and help link people to the right services.



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