

Our Vision

All British Columbians affected by serious illness will have equitable access to compassionate, person-centred care and resources.

Who we are

The BC Centre for Palliative Care was established in 2013 to support The Provincial End of Life Action Plan for British Columbia.

What we do

The Centre provides leadership to support innovative solutions to improve the way we live and die in British Columbia.

Excellence starts with the person and their family, their needs and their goals of care from time of their diagnosis.

Our mission is to support early integration of a palliative approach to care in every setting of care in B.C. Integration of a palliative approach to care leads to better quality of life, improved family outcomes and better care.

To achieve this, we are working with members of the public, policy makers, regional health authorities, professional bodies and community organizations from across B.C.

Key areas of focus

- ◆ **Integration of a palliative approach to care:** We promote awareness and engage health-care providers, patients and families in co-design of approaches that integrate a palliative approach to care for all diagnoses and in all settings across B.C.
- ◆ **More, better, earlier conversations about what matters most to patients and families:** Our Advance Care Planning and Serious Illness Conversation Initiatives are improving access to tools and resources for patients, families and providers that facilitate person-centred care.
- ◆ **Health-care provider education:** We coordinate a provincial approach to education and practice change to support the delivery of evidence-informed care in all settings and by all health-care providers.
- ◆ **Support for hospice spaces:** We work in partnership with the B.C. Ministry of Health, regional health authorities and local hospice societies to support development and implementation of new hospice beds across B.C.
- ◆ **Compassionate Communities Initiative:** Our Seed Grant Program is one strategy that we use to support local community leaders to partner in a compassionate communities movement that mobilizes citizens to provide practical and emotional support for patients and families affected by serious illness.
- ◆ **Research and Innovation:** We engage with academic partners to develop new knowledge, test tools and resources, and translate research into effective action.

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