The Care of the Dying (CODE) Project

Initiative Type

Model of Care

Status

Plan

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URL

Summary

Queensland Health has invested significantly in the review of the ‘Care Plan for the Dying Person (CPDP), premised on the International Collaborative Best Care of the Dying plan, which supports provision of highest quality care in the terminal phase. Some 14 of 17 Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) utilise the CPDP and this project will provide the evidence as to whether this tool could be broadly utilised to evaluate care of dying patients across Queensland Health and provide evidence
for use of the care plan in improving outcomes of care. The CODE questionnaire, captures the views of bereaved caregivers, and contains 41 components of best practice for care of the dying, including symptom control, communication, dignity, respect and family support.

Key dates

Oct 2018

Implementation sites

Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital

Partnerships

Royal Brisbane & Women’s Hospital, Clinical Excellence Queensland

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Aim

The project aims to evaluate the perception of loved ones of the care provided to dying patients
utilising the CODE (CARE of the Dying Evaluation) tool, previously validated in United Kingdom.

Benefits

- Acknowledges choice and quality of life of a person who is recognised to be dying.
- Supports their individuality and to care for the psychosocial and spiritual needs of themselves and their families.
- Supports their families and if needed, continues after death as bereavement care.

Background

The Care at the End of Life project team has been established to support a coordinated approach to implementing the Strategy across Queensland. Queensland Health’s Clinical Excellence Queensland coordinates the implementation of the project, in collaboration with each Hospital and Health Service.

References


   - Sent bereaved relatives surveys 2 and 6 weeks after the bereavement and found no difference in terms of RR or self-reported level of distress.


Further Reading

For more information visit: Improving care at the end of life in Queensland

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