

Queensland Palliative Care Clinical Network

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is a clinical network?

A clinical network is a group of multidisciplinary health professionals and consumers which provide leadership, advice and expertise to Queensland Health with the aim of improving the health experience and outcomes of Queenslanders.

[Statewide Clinical Networks](#) are a key initiative of Clinical Excellence Queensland and play an important role in empowering clinicians to drive sustainable improvements in healthcare delivery across Queensland.

What is the Statewide Palliative Care Clinical Network (QPCCN)?

The [Queensland Palliative Care Clinical Network](#) (QPCCN) brings interprofessional palliative care clinicians and consumers together to leverage their combined knowledge, clinical, and operational expertise to influence, progress, develop, and reform care across Queensland by:

- Driving improvement across specialist, generalist, and primary palliative care service delivery,
- Being the leading strategic body in Queensland for matters relating to specialist, generalist, and primary palliative care service delivery,
- Acting as a conduit between groups to share knowledge and promote continuous improvements in palliative care, and
- Providing advice to Queensland Health on matters relating to palliative care with the aim of improving consumer outcomes and experience.

Who can join the QPCCN?

Membership of the QPCCN is voluntary and open to all individuals and groups that express interest in joining.

QPCCN membership includes multidisciplinary representation from medical, nursing, allied health, community health, general practice, private practice, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation, consumers and non-government organisations from all locations across the Queensland. Membership and communications are also open to other interested groups including research centres and universities.

What is the structure of the QPCCN?

Each Statewide Clinical Network includes a multidisciplinary Steering Committee which represents the broader network membership. The Steering Committee meets regularly and assists the Co-Chairs to administer and lead network activities.

Communication, collaboration and consensus underpin all decisions made by the Steering Committee on behalf of the network.

What do the Co-Chairs do?

The Co-Chairs:

- Provide leadership to the network in undertaking its roles and achieving its objectives
- Chair network steering committee meetings
- Represent the network on relevant committees to inform strategic directions, planning and clinical policy development
- Promote and advocate for the network within the health system
- Actively seek opportunities to enhance clinician and consumer engagement in the activities of the network.

What is the role of the QPCCN Steering Committee?

The role of the QPCCN Steering Committee is to:

- Drive initiatives to improve the quality, safety and effectiveness of palliative care services and care in Queensland
- Provide leadership, expertise and advice to Queensland Health in relation to palliative care service planning, clinical policy and emerging issues (local, statewide, national)
- Provide expertise, direction and advice to clinicians within the domain of palliative care services
- Develop, review and endorse for statewide use, evidence-based care guidelines, pathways and other clinical policy
- Develop, promote and integrate clinical research activities and teaching opportunities throughout palliative care services in Queensland
- Develop an open and supportive environment for clinicians and consumers in relation to palliative care services in Queensland
- Foster education and best practice in palliative care.

Who can join the QPCCN Steering Committee?

Recruitment to the QPCCN Steering Committee occurs through an expression of interest process.

The QPCCN Steering Committee includes a mix of metropolitan, regional, rural and remote members from across Queensland.

How can I get involved?

Membership of the QPCCN is voluntary and is open to all individuals and groups. You can join the QPCCN by completing the [online registration form](#).

An expression of interest process informs the membership of the QPCCN Steering Committee.

Contact

Email: PalliativeCareNetwork@health.qld.gov.au

Website: [Queensland Palliative Care Clinical Network](#)