

# Metro North Community Palliative Care

## Palliative Medicine - RMO and Registrar Campaign 2026

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| <b>Public / private</b>            | Public  |
| <b>Service name</b>                | Metro North Community Palliative Care   |
| <b>Service type</b>                | Community Palliative Care   |
| <b>Patient referral groups</b>     | Malignant and non-malignant disease (Adult)   |
| <b>Annual no. of referrals</b>     | 1000+ (Active patients currently 300)   |
| <b>Staffing &amp; Supervision</b>  | <p>2.3 FTE Staff Specialist<br/> 2 Advanced Trainees<br/> Nurse Unit Manager<br/> Clinical Nurse Consultant and 6.6 CN and 3.8 RN<br/> 1.0 FTE Social Work<br/> 1.0 FTE Pharmacist</p> <p>Nurse Practitioner 0.8 for the Residential Aged Care Service<br/> 0.6 Nurse practitioner candidate for the Residential Aged Care Service</p> <p>Three months spent in each half of the service. Community Palliative Care and Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care service.</p> <p>For the first half of 2025 we will have three training positions to recruit to. With three trainees we will be instituting a weekend roster with the trainee doing two half days over the weekend with a day off during the week. This will occur every three weeks. If a trainee is away we will revert to no cover for the weekend the trainee is away so the one in three is preserved. There will be consultant cover by phone or telehealth on those weekends.</p> |
| <b>RACP accreditation</b>          | Accredited for Community Module Advanced Training Palliative Medicine and Clinical Foundation in Palliative Medicine (Three positions)  |
| <b>Service Benefits (drawcard)</b> | <p>Close links with local inpatient palliative care units.<br/> Responsive model of care for complex discharge support for Quaternary teaching hospitals in catchment. Four hospitals in catchment all with busy oncology units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDT Attendance- MND clinic (The Prince Charles Hospital)</li> </ul> <p><i>Significant number of non-malignant disease referrals due to referrals from</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queensland Motor Neurone Disease Clinics</li> <li>• Renal Supportive Care service across MN</li> </ul>   |

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|                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatology Supportive Care clinic RBWH</li> </ul> <p>Partnerships with local Primary Health Network to foster collaboration with General Practitioners.</p> <p>The rotation consists of three months in each of the two branches of the service. Three months in Community palliative Care managing patients at end-of-life care at home. Admitting and reviewing patients and managing their symptom burden from hospital discharge to bereavement.</p> <p>Three months will be spent with the Specialist Palliative Care in Aged Care (SPACE). This is a unique opportunity to get experience in palliative care in Residential Aged Care. The registrar will get invaluable experience collaborating with General Practitioners, the residential aged care staff, the acute inpatient staff, the residential aged care outreach services and families to facilitate good outcomes for the residents.</p> <p>Active support of Residential Aged care facilities including in reach and opportunity to collaborate with General Practitioners to support end of life in Residential Aged Care.</p> |
| <b>Service Highlights / benefits</b> | <p>Wide range of clinical presentations.</p> <p>Busy multi-disciplinary team.</p> <p>Protected non-clinical time for research or project</p> <p>Residential Aged Care experience</p> <p>Participation in Northside Teaching</p>  |
| <b>Hospital Web link</b>             | <p><a href="https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/hospitals-services/palliative-care">https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/hospitals-services/palliative-care</a></p>   |