BEYOND BORDERS

Cross-Cultural Collaboration in Community Palliative Care

Enhancing Mutual Learning Among Allied Health Professionals

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OBJECTIVES

- Explore the role of Allied Healthcare Professionals (AHPs) & identify opportunities for targeted training and education
- Strengthen the nutrition screening process & create a Core Dietetics Team model
- Identify key challenges faced in palliative care
- Collaborate on a 3-year partnership plan

Family = Main Carers

Hospice	Single attendant needed for admissions
Hospital	Family present for immediate needs
Home	Family are primary carers

Palliative care called **'supportive care'** to reduce the stigma associated with end-of-life care.



Fear of Death listed as one of the biggest challenges of dealing with patients.



15 days approx.
median length of stay

30%
of patients stayed **85 days** or more

1 Doctor
18 Nurses
- **7** community based
- **11** hospice based

7 Nurse Aides
1 Social Worker
1 Dietician

NO. OF STAFF

A **massage therapist** was employed to help maintain skin integrity and promote wellbeing

371 Community Patients
15 Hospice Patients

NO. OF PATIENTS

DESIRED FOCUS AREAS OF TRAINING



DISCUSSION

- AHPs should be trained to support families, building their capacity and confidence and placing them at the centre of care.
- Greater awareness and understanding of palliative care and hospice services is needed to foster broader cultural acceptance and understanding.
- Staff retention can be improved through a joint CGHP and SRHU/GPH training programme that develops specific fields of AHPs while strengthening general skills to support wider career prospects.

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