Palliative Care Initiatives

- Pain Identification and Screening
- Palliative Performance Scale
- Multi-Sensory Stimulation or Snoezelen
- Social Histories
- Butterfly Indicator
- Comfort Care Bags
- Memory Boxes
- Sympathy Cards
- Palliative Care Bulletin
 Board
- Bedside Binder
- Hospice Visits

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What is a Resource Team?

A palliative care resource team is not a clinical team. The team provides leadership and mentorship within the home. The resource team should be interdisciplinary in nature and should have staff representing all departments including:

- Nursing
- Personal Support Workers
- Dietary
- Housekeeping
- Physiotherapy
- Administration
- RAI Coordinator
- Life Enrichment
- Spiritual Care Associate
- Maintenance
- Volunteer Services
- Physician

What are the goals of the team?

A palliative care resource team also provides formal structure that allows for successful development and delivery of a palliative care program.

Palliative Care Resource Teams can:

- Mentor other staff / families
- Provide emotional support to Staff/ Families/ Residents
- Provide information regarding training / tools for other staff members
- Seek clarification of resident's status after a hospital transfer
- Educate / provide information to residents and families
- Provide input into guidelines / policies and procedures
- Promote a palliative approach and end-of-life care services to residents and families

How can you identify members of the team?

Palliative care resource team members are identified within the home by using a butterfly symbol. Staff members who have a butterfly beside their name on the shift board or have a butterfly on their name tag are team members.

Community Partners for Palliative Care

- Alzheimer's Society
- Centre for Education and Research on Aging & Health
- End-of-Life Care Network
- Hospice Volunteer Programs
- Palliative Pain and Symptom Management Consultant