

Diversity in End-of-Life Care

Acknowledgement

Q: If you were diagnosed ...

- * Asked community partners
- * Within community capacity



- Multicultural, multifaith
- End of Life Care
- Palliative care
- The human right to health: WHO
- The right to a 'good death'
- Why diversity in EOL care?

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- Not a blank slate to fill up
- Wisdom from lived experience is present
- Shared responsibility of whole community
- Does your service support these community connections?
- Isolated and seriously ill



What does this support look like?

- Co-designing psychosocial support for people with serious illness
- Training, supervision, support provided in language

Picture: United Spanish Latin American Welfare Centre volunteer staff/team provided emotional support, home visits, accompanied appointments



Picture: Ethiopian Orthodox Church palliative support volunteer program

- Overcoming taboos
- Identifying individuals in need
- Reconnected to community networks
- Practical needs, emotional support, companionship



Picture: Serbian Community Assoc of Australia palliative support volunteers

- Identified Serbian speaking older persons in residential-care
- Emotional support, outings

Extending ethnic aged care worker skills and knowledge

- Mercy Palliative Care
- Eastern Palliative Care/EMRPCC



ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES

RESOURCES:

- Health Translations website
- Muslim Health Professionals Australia information brochure
- Queensland Health Care Providers' Handbook for the Muslim, Hindu and Sikh patients.
- PCV fact sheets and bilingual brochures in 20 languages.



End of Life Care

In a critical, your doctor
with you.

In Islam, death is considered a natural cessation of the life of this world and a transition to the afterlife. Death, viewed from a spiritual point of view, is an opportunity to gain closeness to Allah and obtain reward.

- Cultural humility
- Ask, listen, learn from culturally diverse individuals, families.
- If you need resources, training or support contact:

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