



**DecisionAssist**  
Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning  
for Aged Care

## **NEW APP HELPS GPs CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE DYING AT HOME AND IN RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE**

### **Decision Assist palliAGED**

Launched today, **palliAGED** is a new smartphone app that helps GPs who care for older palliative patients at home or in residential care. The app informs key clinical processes such as advance care planning, case conferencing and terminal care management. It also provides prescribing support for common symptoms that patients experience in the terminal phase.

As most deaths are expected, death can be planned for and the required care delivered pre-emptively. General practitioners (GPs) have a central role in planning and providing for that care. **palliAGED** helps a GP in this role, prompting them to consider if they would be surprised if this patient died in the next 6 to 12 months and providing information to support the key clinical processes that follow.

**palliAGED** has been developed as part of the Decision Assist Program. The Decision Assist Program aims to enhance the provision of palliative care and advance care planning services to the aged nationally. It is funded by the Australian Government.

The app was designed and developed following a review of available apps relevant to palliative care and aged care, and provides a unique set of resources to the many GPs who make use of mobile technologies in managing and providing care. The app is one of a suite of resources for GPs on palliative care and advance care planning being developed by Decision Assist.

The **palliAGED** app is free. It can be downloaded at the following stores:

- Google Play
- Windows phone store
- Apple iTunes

For further information visit, the Decision Assist website.