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## **Palliative Care GP Education at Bethesda Hospital**

As part of their GP Education program which is accredited by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Claremont-based Bethesda Hospital will be conducting their first daylong education session for this year on Saturday 10 August 2013 entitled 'Palliative Medicine – Your Questions Answered'.

Four Palliative Medicine specialists who consult at Bethesda Hospital will be presenting throughout the day namely Assoc. Prof David Thorne, Dr Kevin Yuen, Dr Paula Moffat and Dr Michael Thompson.

Topics covered include:

- An introduction to palliative medicine
- Pain management and symptom issues
- Palliative medicine emergencies
- Palliative care in the aged care setting
- Advanced care planning

GP's who attend the event will receive 40 CPD (Continuing Professional Development) points from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

Bethesda Hospital has an outstanding reputation in the provision of palliative care services, through their 23 bed Palliative Care Unit (PCU), and their Palliative Ambulatory Service North (PASN) - a mobile consultancy service based at the hospital and funded by the WA Health Department.

They are also committed to education and collaboration in palliative care, having become partners 18 months ago in learning project with The University of Notre Dame (Australia) and University of Western Australia, as well being the only private hospital in WA to be a member of ehospice - first globally managed news app and website that will deliver international news and intelligence on hospice, palliative and end of life care.

CEO of Bethesda Hospital Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that 'our GP program has grown steadily this year, and it is a fantastic way to highlight the services we have on offer at the hospital through the dedicated work of our accredited doctors'.

'The provision of palliative care is very specialised and we are proud to share and educate other medical providers on this service'.

Upcoming topics for the GP education program at Bethesda Hospital include prostate cancer and shoulder orthopaedic surgery.

Bethesda Hospital is an independent 88-bed award-winning hospital in Claremont who has been providing outstanding surgical and palliative care and service to the Western Australian community for nearly 70 years.

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