

The story so far?



Palliative
Care
Australia

An Australian perspective on fostering,
promoting and influencing quality care at the
end of life – for all .

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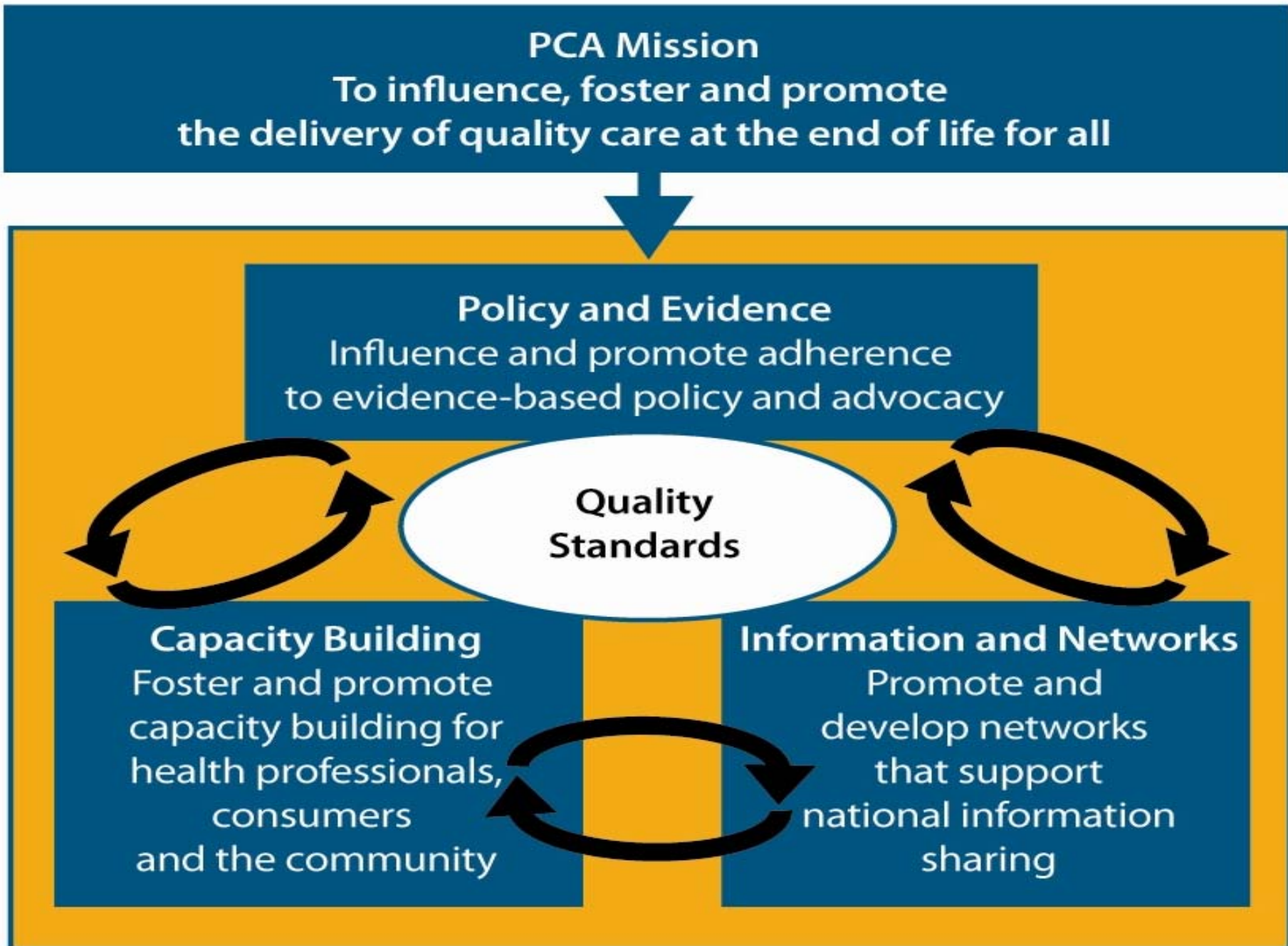
PCA Mission
To influence, foster and promote
the delivery of quality care at the end of life for all

Policy and Evidence
Influence and promote adherence
to evidence-based policy and advocacy

**Quality
Standards**

Capacity Building
Foster and promote
capacity building for
health professionals,
consumers
and the community

Information and Networks
Promote and
develop networks
that support
national information
sharing



Policy & evidence

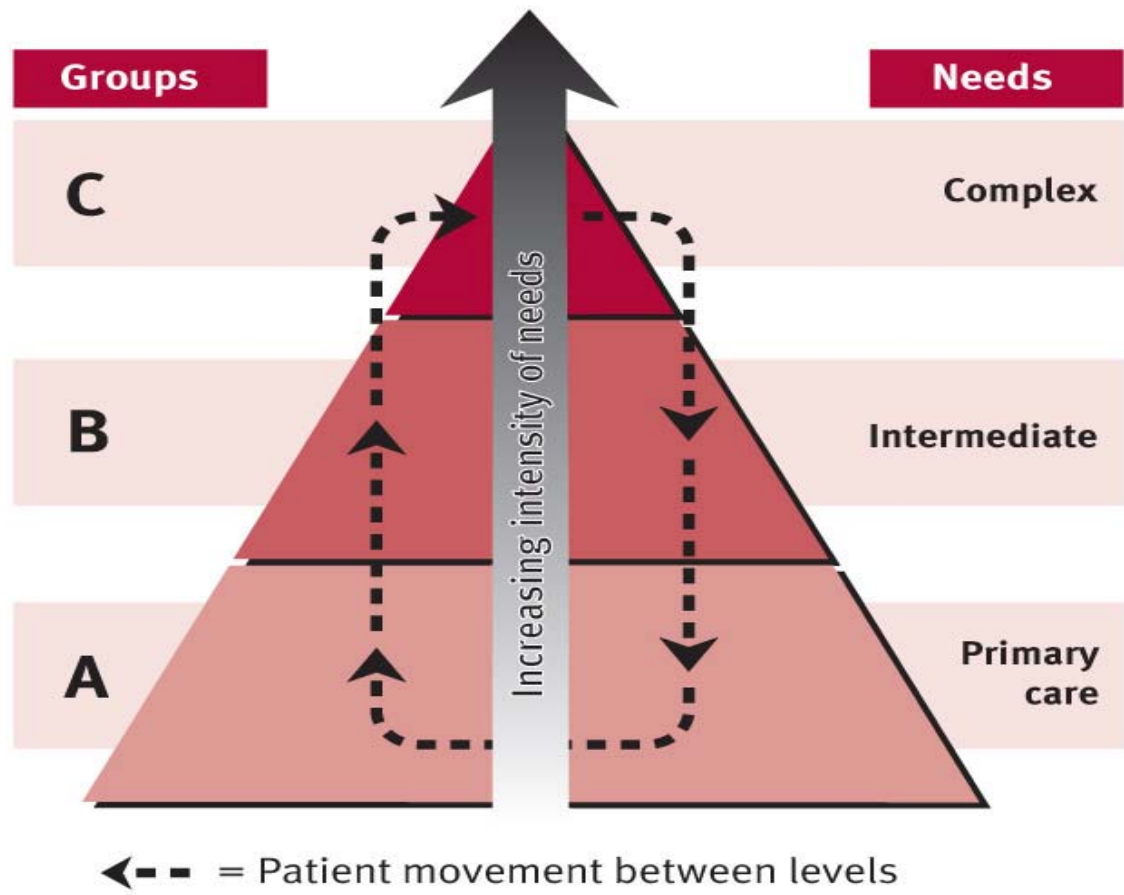
- Australia's National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (2009):
- *“caring for and respecting the needs of people at the end of life”*
- “Towards a National Primary Health Care Strategy” Feb 09



Capacity building:

- palliative care medicine a speciality;
- approx. 145 specialist palliative care services;
- nationally endorsed standards;
- nationally endorsed guidelines;
- cost effective access to palliative care medicines (government subsidised);
- undergraduate curriculum for medical, nursing and allied health & training for unskilled workers;
- commitment to building research;
- recognition of role of carers and volunteers;
- palliative care in primary health care settings.





Conceptual model of level of need within the population of patients with a life limiting illness.

Information & Evidence

If only I knew...

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Finding
answers

to

questions

that

help

us

live

&

die

the

best we can



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Challenges for Australia's international commitments

- internal & outward looking policy, advocacy & capacity building activities;
- Pan-national & international activities to continue Australia's commitment to quality care at the end of life for all;
- capacity building in primary care using public health models.



A personal/organisational challenge

- Asia – Pacific Hospice Network;
- World Palliative Care Alliance;
- International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care.

