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# NurseLink Foundation



*Supporting life  
to the end*



NurseLink employs specially trained palliative care nurses and palliative care assistants who provide bedside care for people who are dying.

Please call us on 8232 0211 if we can assist you in making this time of life as comfortable and peaceful as possible.

Bedside nursing for a terminally ill patient requires time, knowledge and skills. Sometimes this is more than an organisation or family can provide.

## Care

NurseLink brings the magical inspiration of Florence Nightingale and person-centred care to today's busy health care organisations.

Another human, who understands the process of dying, can bring warmth and reassurance.

Supporting people who are dying requires sensitive and skilled nursing at the bedside:

- Attending to frequent hygiene needs
- Keeping the mouth moist and fresh
- Changing position to make comfortable
- Adjusting bedclothes and room temperature as needed
- Exploring the person's life story, faith and values
- Radiating an unconditional loving presence
- Monitoring the need for medications
- Applying lotions to the skin with a gentle, soothing touch
- Including the family in the care
- Offering explanations of normal grieving
- Preparing the person following death for that final 'goodbye' and for transfer to the funeral director

## History

NurseLink Foundation was launched in 2006 as a not-for-profit organisation.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations and grants extend our care and education programs.

The NurseLink Way of Care and systems' development began in 1987 when our Honorary Managing Director, Joy Nugent, began a private nurse practice in palliative and aged care.

Joy acknowledges influences which shaped her nursing career came from many sources. From the humanist psychologists she saw the benefits of paying attention to human issues such as insight, love, creativity, nature and meaning.

From Mary Potter, the founder of The Little Company of Mary, she learned to nurse the dying with a mother's love. Dame Cicely Saunders and other leaders in the Hospice Movement motivated, inspired and taught.

Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, the Swiss psychiatrist who helped so many people see death through a different lens, influenced our model which extends care beyond physical needs to include intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs.

Inspiration



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