

# NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE 2023 – 2027

## VISION

Ensuring that all Singaporeans, including their caregivers, have access to quality palliative care services, delivered by trained professionals, supported by a conducive palliative care environment.

### Focus Area 1: ACCESS

All patients with life-limiting illnesses are able to access palliative care that meets their needs in a timely manner



Increase palliative care capacity and train more healthcare workers



Develop sustainable care models to ensure timely access



Ensure affordability of palliative care



Ensure access to controlled drugs in palliative care settings

### Focus Area 2: QUALITY



Enhance psycho-social-spiritual domains in national guidelines



Measure outcomes and implement performance tracking across the sector



Implement national benchmarking of process and outcome measures

All patients with life-limiting illnesses receive quality palliative care and providers strive for continuous improvement beyond minimum standards

### Focus Area 3: PALLIATIVE CARE ENVIRONMENT

All stakeholders (e.g. professionals, caregivers, and public) are able to leverage a supportive and growing palliative care environment



Strengthen caregiver support (e.g. in respite care, equipment access)



Raise awareness of palliative care and encourage pre-planning



Develop leadership pipelines across the palliative care fraternity



Prioritise palliative care research in line with national policy

## ASPIRATIONAL GOALS



1. With better **Access**, **more than 3 in 4** Singapore residents will receive palliative care.
2. With better **Quality**, **more than 4 in 5** caregivers of palliative patients will report receiving adequate support.
3. With a supportive **Palliative Care Environment**, **more than 7 in 10** members of the public will be aware of palliative care.