

<b>Title</b>	<b>Clinical Nurse Consultant Transition to Nurse Practitioner in Palliative Care at the Calvary Mater Newcastle</b>
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<b>Abstract</b>	<p>Introduction: The Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) role in Palliative Care at the Calvary Mater Newcastle (CMN) is being transitioned to a Nurse Practitioner (NP) role. Implementation of the NP role will deliver improved patient and family outcomes by increasing access to specialist palliative and end of life care across the CMN campus and the broader Hunter New England Local Area Health District.</p> <p>Transitional Nurse Practitioner (TNP): A key focus of the TNP has been their involvement in care coordination for the palliative patient in the acute and emergency setting. The TNP increases specialist consultancy capabilities in these settings; thereby facilitating end of life care that best suits the needs and desires of the patient and their families. The TNP is assisting patients to stay at home preventing unnecessary hospital admissions, for example, consulting with patients in Residential Aged Care Facility where no treating doctor is available.</p> <p>Conclusion: Implementation of the TNP/NP roles is expanding palliative care service provision to meet the growing demand for end of life care in the community and across the acute care setting. Furthermore, the NP role offers an advanced career pathway for highly skilled palliative care CNC's, providing invaluable leadership to the greater nursing profession.</p>