

# End-of-Life Care

## Current Awareness Bulletin

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## Secondary Evidence



### [Home-based Palliative End-of-Life Care](#)

Evidence Based Synopses

#### 2021 [Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Health Information](#)

1. The research evidence indicates that patients receiving home-based palliative end-of-life care have a greater likelihood of dying at home when compared to patients receiving usual care.
2. The research evidence suggests that receiving home-based palliative end-of-life care tends to reduce overall symptom burden for patients.
3. Competent home-based palliative end-of-life care teams tend to provide patients with a sense of security. Patients view home-based palliative end-of-life care teams as being competent when such teams manage symptoms effectively and communicate skillfully.
4. Both quality of life and caregiver outcomes are notoriously hard to measure, and the evidence is inconclusive about the impact of home-based palliative end-of-life care on these outcomes. However, we found no evidence to indicate that patients and their caregivers are worse off when they receive home-based palliative end-of-life care.
5. Limitations in the evidence about the resources that are required to provide effective home-based palliative end-of-life care make it difficult to draw firm conclusions.

[Exercise programme to improve quality of life for patients with end-stage kidney disease receiving haemodialysis: the PEDAL RCT](#)

Systematic Reviews

2021 [NIHR HTA programme](#)

This trial found that an intradialytic cycling programme did not improve health-related quality of life compared with usual care.

[Ethics of Resuscitation and End-of-Life Decisions](#)

Other - Guidelines

2021 [European Resuscitation Council](#)

The Ethics writing group has provided sets of simple and clear recommendations supported by a wealth of systematic reviews, recent RCTs and nonrandomised studies. Despite the generally low certainty about the precision of the effect estimates of several evaluated meta-analyses, the directions of the effects on patient outcomes clearly favour the use of interventions such as advance care planning, shared decision making, and ToR rules.

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[Stopping nutrition and hydration at the end of life](#)

Literature review current through: Aug 2021. | This topic last updated: Mar 22, 2021.

Palliative care aims to relieve suffering in all stages of disease and is not limited to the end of life. Patients receiving palliative care range from fully functional (especially if newly diagnosed with an incurable illness) to extremely limited with regard to their quality of life and prognosis.

[Ethical considerations in effective pain management at the end of life](#)

Literature review current through: Aug 2021. | This topic last updated: Jul 19, 2021.

Many patients suffer from untreated pain at the end of life. Failure to treat pain effectively can result from a lack of clinician training in palliative care and the fear of violating ethical, moral, and legal tenets in the administration of pain medication to the dying patient.

[What's new in palliative care](#)

Literature review current through: Aug 2021. | This topic last updated: Aug 07, 2021.

Cough can be a bothersome and difficult to treat symptom in patients with lung cancer. Aprepitant, which is used for chemotherapy-related nausea and vomiting, may ameliorate cough by inhibiting activation of neurokinin (NK)-1 receptors by substance P.

## BMJ Best Practice

[Palliative care](#)

Last reviewed: 28 Aug 2021. Last updated: 11 Aug 2020.

Palliative care is specialised medical care for people with serious illness that focuses on the best quality of life for both the patient and his or her family. The primary goal of palliative care is to provide quality of life for the patient and family, achieved through an interdisciplinary approach that includes symptom control and support for the patient and family.

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## NICE Healthcare Databases

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### **1. Understanding Nurses' Experiences and Perceptions of End-of-Life Care for Cancer Patients in Korea: A Scoping Review**

**Author(s):** Jung Min Young; Matthews, Alicia K

**Source:** Journal of Palliative Care; Oct 2021; vol. 36 (no. 4); p. 255

**Publication Date:** Oct 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Korean nurses providing end-of-life care for cancer patients need additional education and support to help them manage high stress levels. Further study is needed to identify strategies for meeting nurses' end-of-life care education needs and of improving their overall performance in such practice.

**Database:** BNI

### **2. Assessing the Palliative and End-of-Life Care Education-Practice-Competence Triad in Intensive Care Units: Content Validity, Feasibility, and Reliability of a New Tool**

**Author(s):** Eltaybani Sameh; Igarashi Ayumi; Yamamoto-Mitani Noriko

**Source:** Journal of Palliative Care; Oct 2021; vol. 36 (no. 4); p. 234

**Publication Date:** Oct 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

The PEOL Care Index is a comprehensive, comprehensible, content valid, and reliable instrument to assess the PEOL care education-practice-competence triad among ICU nurses. Construct and criterion validities need to be confirmed in future studies. Applicability of the PEOL Care Index in different settings and cultures needs to be examined.

**Database:** BNI

### **3. What does effective end-of-life care at home for children look like? A qualitative interview study exploring the perspectives of bereaved parents**

**Author(s):** Malcolm, Cari; Knighting Katherine

**Source:** Palliative Medicine; Sep 2021; vol. 35 (no. 8); p. 1602

**Publication Date:** Sep 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Palliative medicine](#) - from Unpaywall

Parents with experience of caring for a dying child at home offer valuable input to future the policy and practice surrounding effective home-based, end-of-life care for children. New models of care or service developments should consider the key components and attributes for effective home-based end-of-life identified by bereaved parents in this study.

**Database:** BNI

#### **4. Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on end of life care delivery in care homes: A mixed method systematic review**

**Author(s):** Spacey, Adam; Porter, Sam; Board, Michele; Scammell, Janet

**Source:** Palliative Medicine; Sep 2021; vol. 35 (no. 8); p. 1468

**Publication Date:** Sep 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article Evidence Based Healthcare

Available at [Palliative Medicine](#) - from Unpaywall

The effect of the pandemic has been to exacerbate existing problems in the provision of end of life care in care homes for both service providers and users, making that which was previously opaque starkly visible. Future research is needed to explore the effects of the pandemic and its management on those receiving end of life care in care homes and their significant others.

**Database:** BNI

#### **5. Attitudes and preferences towards palliative and end of life care in patients with advanced illness and their family caregivers in Latin America: A mixed studies systematic review**

**Author(s):** Dittborn Mariana; Turrillas Pamela; Maddocks, Matthew; Leniz Javiera

**Source:** Palliative Medicine; Sep 2021; vol. 35 (no. 8); p. 1434

**Publication Date:** Sep 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article Evidence Based Healthcare

Main findings include; conflicted views around palliative care and pain relief; patients' preference to be informed about their condition contrasting with caregivers' reluctance to discuss this with patients; common preference for shared decision-making; and overburdened caregivers lacking professional home-care support. Methodological flaws were found in general. Conclusion: Core themes provide context-specific evidence to inform the design of culturally sensitive palliative and end-of-life care services, models and public policies in Latin America.

**Database:** BNI

#### **6. Mixed-methods systematic review: Cultural attitudes, beliefs and practices of internationally educated nurses towards end-of-life care in the context of cancer**

**Author(s):** Balante, Jay; van den Broek, Diane; White, Kate

**Source:** Journal of Advanced Nursing; Sep 2021; vol. 77 (no. 9); p. 3618

**Publication Date:** Sep 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article Evidence Based Healthcare

Available at [Journal of Advanced Nursing](#) - from Wiley Online Library Medicine and Nursing Collection 2020

The distinct gap in research on understanding the cultural attitudes and beliefs of internationally educated nurses in end-of-life care in the context of cancer demands further research. Several aspects of end-of-life care were in conflict with internationally educated nurses' cultural attitudes, beliefs and practices. As these nurses are integral in achieving culturally competent care, further understanding of this phenomenon is required to advance the delivery of culturally sensitive care to patients. Impact Stakeholders, including the nursing workforce, need to play an active role in providing a culturally inclusive workplace. Support measures are necessary to reduce the impact of cultural conflicts experienced by internationally educated nurses.

**Database:** BNI

### **7. Impact of palliative care on end-of-life care and place of death in children, adolescents, and young adults with life-limiting conditions: A systematic review**

**Author(s):** Shih-Chun, Lin; Huang, Mei-Chih; Yasmara, Deni; Huey-Lan Wu

**Source:** Palliative & Supportive Care; Aug 2021; vol. 19 (no. 4); p. 488

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Evidence Based Healthcare Journal Article

Available at [Palliative and Supportive Care](#) - from Unpaywall

Current evidence suggests that specialist, multidisciplinary involvement, and continuity of PC are required to reduce the intensity of EoL care. Careful attention should be paid to the need for a longer length of stay in a medical setting late in life, and earlier EoL care discussion should take place with patients/caregivers, especially in regard to attempting resuscitation in toddlers, adolescents, and the young adult population. A lack of robust evidence has identified a gap in rigorous multisite prospective studies utilizing data collection.

**Database:** BNI

### **8. Nurses' moral distress in end-of-life care: A qualitative study**

**Author(s):** De Brasi Elvira Luana; Giannetta Noemi; Ercolani, Sara; Gandini Elena Lucia Maria; Moranda Dina; Villa Giulia; Manara Duilio Fiorenzo

**Source:** Nursing Ethics; Aug 2021; vol. 28 (no. 5); p. 614

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Nurses who work in the onco-haematological setting frequently experience moral distress. Determining the causes of moral distress at early stages is of paramount importance for finding a solution.

### **9. Undergraduate nursing students' transformative learning through disorientating dilemmas associated with end-of-life care simulation: A narrative inquiry study**

**Author(s):** Gillan, Pauline Catherine; Jeong, Sarah; van der Riet, Pamela

**Source:** Nurse Education in Practice; Aug 2021; vol. 55

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

End-of-life care simulation can be an effective method of promoting transformative learning and can help to reduce the gap from nursing theory to clinical practice.

**Database:** BNI

### **10. Inequities in End-of-Life Care Among Immigrant Patients Exaggerated by the COVID-19 Pandemic**

**Author(s):** Shen, Megan J, PhD; Maciejewski, Paul K, PhD; Tergas, Ana I, MD; Prigerson, Holly G, PhD

**Source:** Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; Aug 2021; vol. 62 (no. 2); p. e3

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Letter

Available at [Journal of Pain and Symptom Management](#) - from Unpaywall

**Database:** BNI

### **11. End-Of-Life Care in the Time of COVID-19: Communication Matters More Than Ever**

**Author(s):** Ersek, Mary, PhD, RN, FPCN; Smith, Dawn, MS; Griffin, Hilary, MPH; Carpenter, Joan G, PhD, CRNP; Feder, Shelli L, PhD, APRN; Shreve, Scott T, DO; Nelson, Francis X, BA; Kinder, Daniel, MPH; Thorpe, Joshua M, PhD, MPH; Kutney-Lee, Ann, PhD, RN

**Source:** Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; Aug 2021; vol. 62 (no. 2); p. 213

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Journal of Pain and Symptom Management](#) - from Unpaywall

Effective remote communication with the patient and the health care team was associated with significantly better ratings of the overall experience of end-of-life care by bereaved family members. Our findings offer timely insights into the importance of remote communication strategies.

**Database:** BNI

### **12. Healthcare professionals' values about and experience with facilitating end-of-life care in the adult intensive care unit**

**Author(s):** Riegel, Melissa; Randall, Sue; Ranse, Kristen; Buckley, Thomas

**Source:** Intensive & Critical Care Nursing; Aug 2021; vol. 65

**Publication Date:** Aug 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Findings inform strategies for practice development to prepare and support healthcare professionals to provide end-of-life care in the intensive care setting. Professionals reporting similar palliative care values and inclusion of patient and family preferences in care planning is an important foundation for planning interprofessional education and support with opportunities for professionals to share experiences and strengths.

**Database:** BNI

### **13. 'Saying goodbye' during the COVID-19 pandemic: A document analysis of online newspapers with implications for end of life care**

**Author(s):** Selman, Lucy E; Sowden Ryann; Borgstrom Erica

**Source:** Palliative Medicine; Jul 2021; vol. 35 (no. 7); p. 1277

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Palliative Medicine](#) - from Unpaywall

Newspapers portrayed COVID-19 as disruptive to rituals of 'saying goodbye' before, during and after death. Adaptations were presented as insufficient attempts to ameliorate tragic situations. More nuanced and supportive reporting is recommended. Clinicians and other professionals supporting the bereaved can play an important role in offering alternative narratives.

**Database:** BNI

**14. Health and social care professionals' experiences of providing end of life care during the COVID-19 pandemic: A qualitative study**

**Author(s):** Hanna, Jeffrey R; Rapa, Elizabeth; Dalton, Louise J; Hughes, Rosemary; Quarmby, Louise M; McGlinchey Tamsin; Donnellan, Warren J; Bennett, Kate M; Mayland, Catriona R; Mason, Stephen R

**Source:** Palliative Medicine; Jul 2021; vol. 35 (no. 7); p. 1249

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Palliative Medicine](#) - from Unpaywall

There is a need for flexible visiting arrangements at end of life during a pandemic. A systems-level approach is necessary to promote the wellbeing of health and social care professionals providing end of life care during and after a pandemic.

**Database:** BNI

**15. Evaluation of a training program for community-based end-of-life care of older people toward aging in place: A mixed methods study**

**Author(s):** Nagata, Chizuru; Tsutsumi, Masae; Kiyonaga, Asako; Nogaki, Hiroshi

**Source:** Nurse Education in Practice; Jul 2021; vol. 54

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

These results suggest that the training program is effective for promoting end-of-life care through community-based services in Japan. Conducting follow-up training could effectively strengthen participants' commitment to end-of-life care at community-based services. Use of the training program is expected to promote services to support aging-in-place.

**Database:** BNI

**16. Canada's Evolving Medicare: End-of-Life Care**

**Author(s):** MacPherson, Nicole; Montague, Terrence; Ayles, John; Martin, Lesli; Amédé, Gogovor; Baxter, Sharon; Nemis-White, Joanna

**Source:** Journal of Palliative Care; Jul 2021; vol. 36 (no. 3); p. 157

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Optimal management of end-of-life care is strongly supported by all stakeholders, although priorities for specific approaches vary. Over time, professionals increasingly supported MAiD but with a rising fear of legal/regulatory reprisal despite legalization. To enhance future end-of-life care patterns, continued measurement and reporting of implemented treatment options and their system supports, particularly around medically assisted death, are needed.

**17. End-of-Life Care for Persons Under Guardianship**

**Author(s):** Moye, Jennifer, PhD; Stolzmann, Kelly, MS; Auguste, Elizabeth J, BA; Cohen, Andrew B, MD, DPhil; Catlin, Casey C, PhD; Sager, Zachary S, MD; Weiskittle, Rachel E, PhD; Woolverton, Cindy B, PhD; Connors, Heather L, PhD; Sullivan, Jennifer L, PhD

**Source:** Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; Jul 2021; vol. 62 (no. 1); p. 81

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Guardianship appears to be rare, and as a rule, those under guardianship have equal access to hospice and palliative care within Veterans Health Administration. Guardianship may be associated with health-care challenges in a small number of cases, and this may drive perceptions of adverse outcomes.

**Database:** BNI

### **18. Preoperative Frailty Status and Intensity of End-of-Life Care Among Older Adults After Emergency Surgery**

**Author(s):** Sokas, Claire, MD; Lee, Katherine C, MD, MSc; Sturgeon, Daniel, MS; Streid, Jocelyn, BS; Lipsitz, Stuart R, PhD; Weissman, Joel S, PhD; Kim, Dae H, MD, PhD; Cooper, Zara, MD, MSc

**Source:** Journal of Pain and Symptom Management; Jul 2021; vol. 62 (no. 1); p. 66

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

While all older patients undergoing EGS have poor end-of-life outcomes, frail EGS patients receive the highest intensity EOLC and represent a vulnerable population for whom targeted interventions could limit burdensome treatment.

**Database:** BNI

### **19. End-Of-Life Care Communication in Long-Term Care Among Nurses, Residents, and Families: A Critical Review of Qualitative Research**

**Author(s):** Bennett, Frank B; Hadidi, Niloufar N; O'Conner-Von, Susan K

**Source:** Journal of Gerontological Nursing; Jul 2021; vol. 47 (no. 7); p. 43

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Journal of Gerontological Nursing](#) - from ProQuest (MEDLINE with Full Text) - NHS Version

Available at [Journal of Gerontological Nursing](#) - from ProQuest (Health Research Premium) - NHS Version

**Abstract:** RNs in long-term care (LTC) are a critical nexus for end-of-life (EOL) care communication with older adult residents and their families. A critical review of 17 qualitative research studies examined nurses' experience with EOL care in LTC. Findings indicate that time, preparation, advocacy, organizational resources, and a continuous, relational approach support EOL care communication.

**Database:** BNI

### **20. Incorporating End-of-Life Care into the Management of Dead on Arrival Patients in the Emergency**

**Department:** Invited Commentary

**Author(s):**

**Source:** Journal of Emergency Nursing; Jul 2021; vol. 47 (no. 4); p. 521

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Journal of Emergency Nursing](#) - from ProQuest (MEDLINE with Full Text) - NHS Version

Available at [Journal of Emergency Nursing](#) - from ProQuest (Health Research Premium) - NHS Version

In the United States, for instance, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services instituted regulations in 2016 designed to encourage ACP documentation by specifically reimbursing providers for time spent on such activities.<sup>15</sup> More recently, the emergency department setting has been identified as an underutilized venue for ACP activities, and further efforts are underway to bolster emergency department-based ACP.

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## **21. Social acceptance of death and its implication for end-of-life care**

**Author(s):** María Dolores Ruíz-Fernández; Isabel María Fernández-Medina; José Granero-Molina; José Manuel Hernández-Padilla; Matías Correa-Casado; Cayetano Fernández-Sola

**Source:** Journal of Advanced Nursing; Jul 2021; vol. 77 (no. 7); p. 3132

**Publication Date:** Jul 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Journal of Advanced Nursing](#) - from Wiley Online Library Medicine and Nursing Collection 2020

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Recognizing death as part of life and thinking about death itself are social coping strategies. Although healthcare professionals occupy a privileged place in this process, the culture of concealment of death influences end-of-life care. Impact The social process that leads to the loneliness of the dying in our days has been theorized. However, social acceptance of death also influences healthcare professionals' attitudes towards death. Thus, healthcare professionals' own attitudes may affect the end-of-life care given to dying individuals and their families. The social patterns of death may contribute to the healthcare professionals' negative attitudes towards death. The concept of dignified death has been linked to the notion of humanization of healthcare. Death should be approached from a more naturalistic perspective by healthcare professionals, healthcare and academic institutions.

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## **22. Nurses' required end-of-life care competence in health centres inpatient ward – a qualitative descriptive study**

**Author(s):** Haavisto, Elina; Anu Soikkeli-Jalonen; Tonteri, Mia; Hupli, Maija

**Source:** Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences; Jun 2021; vol. 35 (no. 2); p. 577

**Publication Date:** Jun 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences](#) - from Wiley Online Library Medicine and Nursing Collection 2020

Available at [Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences](#) - from Unpaywall

End-of-life care in health centre inpatient wards requires wide and complex competence from nurses. Nurses' experiences of required competence are associated with holistic care of the patient, encountering the family and multiprofessional cooperation. Nurses' competence in EOL care could be enhanced with postgraduate education, and educational planning should be given more attention in the future.

**Database:** BNI

## **23. A qualitative study of nurses' perspective about the impact of end-of-life communication on the goal of end-of-life care in nursing home**

**Author(s):** Gonella, Silvia; Basso, Ines; Clari, Marco; Dimonte, Valerio; Paola Di Giulio

**Source:** Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences; Jun 2021; vol. 35 (no. 2); p. 502

**Publication Date:** Jun 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Scandinavian journal of caring sciences](#) - from Wiley Online Library Medicine and Nursing Collection 2020

This study provides insight into the nursing perspective of end-of-life communication between healthcare professionals and bereaved family carers of nursing home residents. Several factors influenced the occurrence and quality of end-of-life communication, which contributed to the transition towards palliative-oriented care by using and improving knowledge about family carers' and resident's preferences for end-of-life care, promoting family carers and residents understanding about prognosis and treatments available, and fostering shared decision-making.

**Database:** BNI

#### **24. Dignity in end-of-life care at hospice: An Action Research Study**

**Author(s):** Viftrup, Dorte Toudal; Hvidt, Niels Christian; Prinds, Christina

**Source:** Scandinavian Journal of Caring Sciences; Jun 2021; vol. 35 (no. 2); p. 420

**Publication Date:** Jun 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

Available at [Scandinavian journal of caring sciences](#) - from Wiley Online Library Medicine and Nursing Collection 2020

Available at [Scandinavian journal of caring sciences](#) - from Unpaywall

Deeper analysis indicated that staff understandings of dignity mostly focused on preserving patients' autonomy, whereas patients expressed needs for relational and spiritual aspects of dignity. Staff were mostly concerned about preserving patients' autonomy when providing dignity in care, however, through the action-in-praxis they increased their awareness on their own praxis and patients' needs and understanding concerning dignity. The theoretical model on dignity presented in the study also worked as a map to guide staffs' reflections on dignity in praxis and facilitated a broader focus on supporting and caring for patients' dignity in care. We believe this study has improved dignity in care at the two hospices involved in the study.

**Database:** BNI

#### **25. Projecting palliative and end-of-life care needs in Central Lancashire up to 2040: an integrated palliative care and public health approach**

**Author(s):** Jeba, J; Taylor, C; O'Donnell, V

**Source:** Public Health; Jun 2021; vol. 195 ; p. 145

**Publication Date:** Jun 2021

**Publication Type(s):** Journal Article

This study demonstrates practical application of public health data to support the development of locally responsive palliative care services. Dissemination of findings from this needs assessment on rising palliative care need, including numbers of deaths in different disease groups, provides direction to plan appropriate, equitable and sustainable services. Rapidly growing dementia deaths deserve particular attention in the planning of care. Collaborative work between public health and palliative care in other settings is encouraged, and will likely increase in significance as the full impact of COVID-19 is felt.

**Database:** BNI

## In the News

**Nursing  
Times**

### [Study warns of 'inequitable' end-of-life care for minority groups during Covid-19](#)

20 September, 2021

National policies introduced in the wake of Covid-19 may have negatively affected people from minority ethnic backgrounds at the end of life more so than others, new research has found.

### [Only 'one in five' sick older patients has formal DNR decision at admission](#)

08 September, 2021

Only around one in five very sick older patients has a 'do not resuscitate' (DNR) decision recorded at the time of their emergency admission to hospital, suggests a study at one large UK hospital.

### [Community nurses 'felt isolated' delivering end-of-life care during first wave](#)

20 July, 2021

The increased need for end-of-life care and the way services changed during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic has taken a “significant emotional toll” on community nurses, a first-of-its-kind study has found.

### [RCN members working for end-of-life care charity reject pay offer](#)

09 July, 2021

The Royal College of Nursing is launching formal pay negotiations with Marie Curie after its members who work for the charity voted to reject an offer of a 2% wage increase.

### [Charity launches campaign to double community end-of-life nursing team](#)

25 June, 2021

A hospice charity based in West Essex and East Hertfordshire is striving to double its at-home registered nursing team, in the wake of increased complex care demands and an over-reliance on district nurses in the area.

### [RCN calls on members at end-of-life care charity to reject 2% pay offer](#)

10 June, 2021

The Royal College of Nursing is advising its members who work for Marie Curie to reject a pay offer put forward by the end-of-life care charity.

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