

Invest in palliative care services now

Palliative care should be available in homes, hospices, hospitals, and long-term care centres throughout Canada — **but it's not!**

Availability depends on where you live, how old you are, and what you are dying from. *Source: Highlights from the National Palliative Medicine Survey, 2015.*

Strategic investment in palliative care has been shown to:

- Reduce the cost of delivering care by about 30%.
- Free up scarce resources in acute care, such as beds in Intensive Care Units (ICUs), for patients who truly need them.
- Improve the quality of life and quality of care for patients with serious illnesses and their families.

Source: Palliative care — A vital service with clear economic, health and social benefits. Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians, February 2017.

You have the power to change this!

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The Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians has developed recommendations to the federal, provincial and territorial governments on how to improve, monitor and evaluate quality and access to palliative care services across Canada. These recommendations are outlined in a November 2016 report: *How to Improve Palliative Care in Canada: Call to Action for Federal, Provincial, Territorial, Regional and Local Decision Makers.*