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Multilingual resources to support paediatric palliative care now available

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) is marking World Hospice and Palliative Care Day 2018 by launching paediatric palliative care resources in four additional languages: Arabic, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese and Vietnamese.

PCA CEO, Liz Callaghan, says the translated resources will provide people from linguistically diverse backgrounds accurate information about paediatric palliative care available in Australia.

“For parents, carers and loved ones of children diagnosed with a life-limiting illness, knowing what to expect in the child’s final weeks and days is emotionally challenging, but immensely important.

“As Australia has one of the most culturally and linguistically diverse populations in the world, it is vital we support families to have readily accessible, accurate information that they can understand and work through at their own pace,” Ms Callaghan said.

The languages were selected in consultation with the Paediatric Palliative Care Australia and New Zealand (PaPCANZ) Members, following discussions about the needs of their patient population.

PAPCANZ Chair Sara Fleming says the new resources will help health professionals to work with families to plan a child’s care.

“The translated resources will equip many families in Australia with precise information that will empower them to be more involved in decision making about their child’s care,”

“Children with life-limiting illnesses can often have contact with a palliative care team for many months or even years.

“Paediatric palliative care improves the quality of life of a child by treating their symptoms such as pain, but by also providing emotional and social support to their whole family,” said Ms Fleming.

The resources were translated by Polaron Language Services and are community approved translations.

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The resources can be accessed at www.palliativecare.org.au/children.

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