

Gerryatric Musings

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I have been attending the PSP course called “End of Life”. I would encourage you all to consider attending one near you. There are some deliverables including an “End of Life Care Plan” that not everyone can complete because of the age of their practice and the number of dying patients. However, there is some good information regarding end of life planning that everyone should be considering.

I want to share some of the tools that are produced for the program. At our last Divisions Board Meeting we discussed the need to be starting these discussions at an early stage. Certainly, for the elderly, you hope to do this while they are still cognitively well. I will be discussing this further at the future annual general meeting in September.

The question is when is the right time and will our patients misinterpret the discussion to suggest that they are terminal or palliative. Sometimes, scripted “openers” can open the door to this discussion.

Attached is a copy of the scripts that have been given at the course. I would encourage you to use them and the “My Voice” booklet.

[Advanced Care Planning conversation guide](#)

[End of Life PSP module](#)