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New education venture commences Developing nursing skills in palliative care

The first of a series of tailored short Palliative Care training courses for nursing staff commenced today at Greenwich Hospital's Education Centre. The program of courses has been developed and presented in consultation with The College of Nursing and is open to nurses outside as well as within Hope Healthcare.

The education program as well as provision of Self-Learning Packages and the set-up of a specialised Palliative Care Resources Library is part of a strategy to develop nursing and clinical skills in palliative care.

Hope Healthcare's Director of Nursing and Patient Care, Clare Neems, was enthusiastic about the future direction for palliative care nurse education, "This is an exciting opportunity to further develop the skills of nurses working in palliative care. It will also mean that Hope Healthcare will become more attractive as a place of employment in this specialty area. The outcome will benefit both our inpatients and community patients who are dealing with life threatening illnesses, and in need of palliative care."

This education program, the Self-Learning Packages and the set-up of the specialised Palliative Care Resources Library was made possible through an initial donation of \$50,000 augmented by a donation of over \$5,000 worth of specialised books relating to palliative care, made in memory of Michael and Jeanne Ercole.

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