

Voluntary Assisted Dying in South Australia

Implementation Conference Program

Wednesday

16 November 2022

9:00am – 3:00pm (ACDT)

Online only

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Implementation Conference



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Session 1: Welcome and opening messages

9:00am	Welcome to Country Welcome to voluntary assisted dying implementation conference	Facilitator
9:10am	Opening message from Minister for Health and Wellbeing What does voluntary assisted dying mean for South Australia and our community?	Hon Chris Picton MP Minister for Health and Wellbeing
9:20am	Opening message from Chief Executive, Department for Health and Wellbeing What does voluntary assisted dying mean for the South Australian health system?	Dr Robyn Lawrence Chief Executive, Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW)

Session 2: How voluntary assisted dying will be implemented in South Australia

9:30am	Voluntary assisted dying in South Australia	Dr Roger Hunt Member, Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board
9:55am	Voluntary assisted dying implementation process by the Taskforce	Dr Chris Moy Chair, Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce
10:20am	Break (20mins)	
10:40am	Overview of SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Support Services SAVAD-Care Navigator Service and how it will work in practice*	Adam Monkhouse Assistant Director, End of Life Care, DHW Emily Pumpa Interim Nursing Director, South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service Joyce White Voluntary Assisted Dying Liaison Nurse, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
11:05am	SAVAD-Pharmacy Service and how it will work in practice*	Lauren Cortis Lead Pharmacist, Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service
11:30am	The SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board*	Dr Melanie Turner Presiding Member, Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board

* This section of the program will begin with a video clip

Session 3: Voluntary assisted dying in practice

11:55am	Voluntary assisted dying in practice in residential aged care	Dr Jocelyn Small Head of Risk, Compliance and Innovation, BlueCross Aged and Community Services
12:10pm	Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission	Dr Melanie Wroth Chief Clinical Advisor, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
12:15pm	Break (30 mins)	
12:45pm	The role of the Medical Practitioner in VAD - WA experience	Dr Clare Fellingham Clinical Lead, East Metropolitan Health Service Hospital, WA
1:05pm	Voluntary assisted dying in practice – family lived experience	Sam Cox Family lived experience of voluntary assisted dying, WA

Session 4: Panel discussion

1:25pm	Panel discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Dr Chris Moy > Adam Monkhouse > Sam Cox > Dr Clare Fellingham > Dr Jocelyn Small > Dr Roger Hunt > Lauren Cortis
2:30pm	Helpful resources for voluntary assisted dying in SA	Adam Monkhouse Assistant Director, End of Life Care, DHW
2:45pm	Wrap up	Facilitator

3:00pm CLOSE

Our speakers



Hon. Chris Picton MP

Minister for Health and Wellbeing

Minister Picton is the South Australian Minister for Health and Wellbeing and the Member for Kaurna in the southern suburbs of Adelaide.

He is passionate about improving healthcare outcomes for all South Australians.

Minister Picton has previously served as Minister for Police, Correctional Services, Emergency Services and Road Safety.

Before election to Parliament he served as Senior Adviser and Chief of Staff to former state and federal Health Ministers and an Associate Director at Deloitte Access Economics. His areas of policy work included tobacco plain packaging and national public hospital funding reforms.

He was educated at public schools in Adelaide and graduated from Flinders University with a Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice and a Bachelor of Arts.



Dr Robyn Lawrence

Chief Executive Department for Health and Wellbeing

Dr Robyn Lawrence is responsible to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing for the governance, leadership and management of the South Australian health system.

Dr Lawrence has more than 15 years' experience as a senior healthcare executive in predominantly change roles. She has led many transition projects, including capital developments and commissioning, cultural reform and governance changes.

Dr Lawrence led the WA COVID-19 response as Deputy Chief Health Officer and Incident Controller and has a medical background and a strong focus on clinical governance and excellence in her most recent roles as Assistant Director General with the WA Department of Health.

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Dr Roger Hunt

Member, SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board

Dr Roger Hunt is a pioneer of palliative care in SA, working in formative services from 1984. He was a foundation member of Daw House Hospice, a former Chair of Palliative Care SA, a foundation Fellow of the Chapter of Palliative Medicine, and a former Director of a major metropolitan palliative service.

Dr Hunt has been awarded a Doctorate of Medicine for published research and has resolutely advocated for reforms that support patient autonomy. Dr Hunt was appointed to Ministerial Panels to develop VAD legislation in both Victorian and WA. He has participated in the SAVAD Implementation Taskforce and has recently been appointed to the SAVAD Review Board.



Dr Chris Moy MBBS, FRACGP, FAMA

Chair, SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce

Dr Chris Moy is the Chair of the SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Taskforce.

Dr Moy is an Adelaide GP who has had a long involvement in initiatives related to aged care, palliative care and health communication systems at state and national levels.

In the area of end of life care this has included membership on the Expert Advisory Panel of the SA Advance Directives Review and the SA Health End of Life Decision Making Project, which developed the Resuscitation Plan-7 Step Pathway. The aspiration of making a patient's Advance Care Directive available alongside their health information at the point of care led Dr Moy to significant involvement in the development of digital health in Australia and in particular the My Health Record, telehealth and electronic prescribing.

Dr Moy recently completed his role as Federal AMA Vice-President and, prior to this, was Chair of the Federal AMA Ethics and Medico-legal Committee for four years. He also recently completed a term as AMA South Australia President.

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Emily Pumpa

Interim Nursing Director, South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service

Emily Pumpa is the Interim Nursing Director for the South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Care Navigator Service.

Emily is an experienced health professional having spent much of her career as an intensive care nurse, including as an organ donor coordinator.

As a passionate advocate for the rights of people at end of life, Emily is proud to work with the Care Navigation Service team to establish this important new service.

Emily has post graduate qualifications in nursing and law, and is currently undertaking a Masters in Health Administration at Flinders University.



Joyce White

Voluntary Assisted Dying Liaison Nurse, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN)

Joyce White has over 30 years' experience as a Registered Nurse in Intensive Care, Coronary Care, Consumer Engagement and more recently in a COVID Care Centre where she counselled patients about treatment.

Her qualifications include Critical Care Certificate, Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Cardiac) and a Graduate Certificate in Mediation.

Her current position is as the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Liaison Nurse for NALHN. Her current work includes the implementation of the VAD pathway across NALHN and its services through the development of a strong governance structure. She is passionate about delivering care that is patient centred and driven

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Lauren Cortis

Lead Pharmacist, SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service

Lauren Cortis is the Lead Pharmacist in the South Australian Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service.

Lauren has experience in a variety of practice settings, including tertiary hospitals, community palliative care, aged care and home medicine reviews. Starting with the Voluntary Assisted Dying Implementation Team in January, Lauren has led the development of the pharmacy service model and medication protocols, as well as contributing to broader aspects of implementation such as the clinical guidelines and clinical portal.

In recent months, Lauren has transitioned from the Department for Health and Wellbeing to SA Pharmacy where she and her team are working to establish the SA Voluntary Assisted Dying Pharmacy Service.



Dr Melanie Turner

Presiding Member, Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board

Dr Melanie Turner is a psychiatrist in private practice and also has roles on the Medical Board of SA, the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) Board, and who is the presiding member for the Voluntary Assisted Dying review board. Dr Turner also works as Deputy Chief Psychiatrist for Inspections and Investigations in the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist.

Dr Turner has a PhD and qualifications in administration, quality and safety in healthcare.

Dr Turner has been practising for 22 years and has always had a focus on high quality healthcare for those who are most vulnerable. Her work has led her to continue her interest in safety, quality and governance in healthcare organisations.

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Dr Jocelyn Small

**Head of Risk, Compliance and Innovation,
BlueCross Aged and Community Services**

Dr Jocelyn Small originally qualified as Registered Nurse and since has completed further postgraduate studies and certifications in education, quality and project management.

Dr Small's work experience has spanned diverse health care settings throughout Australia, including acute medical/surgical hospitals, maternity hospitals, aged care residential facilities and organisations supporting people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Currently, Dr Small is the Head of Risk, Compliance and Innovation at BlueCross Aged and Community Services, where she has been employed since late 2018. Her responsibilities include ensuring policy and procedure governance documentation reflect best practice and comply with current legislation and standards, whilst ensuring that the needs of residents and families are reflected in processes established.



Dr Melanie Wroth

**Chief Clinical Advisor,
Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission**

Dr Melanie Wroth graduated in medicine from the University of Sydney in 1981 and became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in 1992. She began her longstanding involvement in medical care for older Australians in 1990.

Dr Wroth is a Senior Staff Specialist in Geriatric Medicine at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. She has been extensively engaged in clinical teaching especially in Geriatric Medicine and is a Clinical Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney. She has been a consultant to the NSW Medical Council and is a senior member of the Guardianship Division of the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

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Dr Clare Fellingham

Clinical Lead Voluntary Assisted Dying, East Metropolitan Health Service Hospital

Originally from the UK, Dr Clare Fellingham has lived and worked in Perth for over a decade and is a consultant anaesthetist at Royal Perth and Bentley Hospitals, with a specialist interest in obstetrics.

Fascinated from an early age by the extremes of life; birth, growth, ageing and death, Dr Fellingham undertook a palliative care clinical fellowship at the end of her anaesthetic training. It is with the experiential knowledge gained during this time in life limiting disease and end-of-life care, combined with extensive critical care experience, that Dr Fellingham brings a unique skill set to the clinical leadership of the implementation of Voluntary Assisted Dying across East Metropolitan Health Service.

Dr Fellingham is currently studying for a Masters in Bioethics and is passionate about effective communication and ethically informed decision making in healthcare.



Sam Cox

Family lived experience of voluntary assisted dying (WA)

Sam is 41 years old, married to Andrew for 13 years, and a mum to two young beautiful boys who love playing sports.

Sam has worked in Pharmaceuticals for 22 years. Sam has a diploma in human services and has lived experience supporting her beautiful mum through voluntary assisted dying.

Sam hopes to put her lived experience and expertise to great use in helping people make their lives a little better.



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Adam Monkhouse

**Assistant Director, End of Life Care,
Department for Health and Wellbeing**

Adam Monkhouse leads the team responsible for the implementation of voluntary assisted dying in South Australia.

Building on existing programs in palliative care and advance care planning, Adam established the End of Life Care team to support a holistic, person-centred approach to delivering statewide programs that support compassionate, safe and accessible care at end of life.

With an extensive background in public health system policy and programs, Adam believes in delivering robust governance and systems to support health professionals to provide the best care for our community.

