**Palliative care**

- Palliative care aims to improve the quality of life of patients and their families who are facing a life-limiting illness through the assessment and identification of palliative and supportive care issues from initial treatment planning throughout the progress of the disease.
- Assessment can occur in the outpatient clinics or in the patient’s home, depending on patient need and mobility.

**Information Required**

- Reason for referral
  - Palliative care assessment
  - Provision of service information
  - Terminal care
  - Difficulty maintaining care at place of residence
- Patient contact details
- Primary diagnosis / date of diagnosis
- Medical correspondence
- Current medication list

**Investigations Required**

- Pathology results (as available)
- Radiology Results (as available)

**Fax Referrals to**

- Southern Adelaide Palliative Services Outpatients Fax: 08 8404 2119

**Red Flags**

If the referrer has any concerns about the urgency of review required please contact SAPS Ph: (08) 8404 2058

**Suggested GP Management**

- Medication management
  

**Clinical Resources**

  
- Palliative Care Australia [www.palliativecare.org.au](http://www.palliativecare.org.au)
General Information to assist with referrals and the Referral templates for FMC are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients)