

Quality Assurance – Warrin

Warrin is the Safety and Quality Manager at a medium-sized private hospital. He is new to the role. Warrin's hospital was recently accredited against the NSQHS Standards, and some improvements were recommended in actions related to **Comprehensive Care (CC)**.



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Warrin discovers the free, evidence-based **End-of-Life Essentials (EOLE)** education and resources via an internal hospital newsletter.

CC Standard Action 5.19:

*The health service organisation has processes for routinely reviewing the **safety and quality of end-of-life care** that is provided against the planned goals of care.*

Warrin visits the **EOLE Accreditation Resources** webpage and utilises the available resources to further understand how the hospital can better identify patients' goals of care.

- Warrin completes the **EOLE Meeting the Standards Module**, and downloads the **Meeting the Standards Toolkit**.
- The module prompts Warrin to consider that "well-coordinated, high-quality end-of-life care begins with early conversations with patients about their preferences and goals".
- Staff from key areas are required to complete the **Goals of Care at the End of Life Module**.

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Warrin liaises with the Clinical Nurse Educator to conduct in-service training sessions utilising the EOLE **Recognising Dying** Training Resources.

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Warrin aims to improve the quality of end-of-life care delivered to patients, by:

- completing the **Clinical Change Management Module**, which prompts him to recommend setting up a committee dedicated to end-of-life care.
- conducting an audit, using the **ACSQHC End-of-Life Care Audit Toolkit**.
- accessing the EOLE **Auditing Case Story**, to learn how another hospital has undertaken audits.

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Warrin subscribes to the **EOLE Hospital Collaborative** to stay up-to-date with new information to support hospital accreditation.

