

Top Up Funding

Top up funding is utilized to support the palliative approach to care to improve quality of life.

The SCW can assist patients and families in application for 'Top up funding'.

Each patient can potentially access up to \$2000 each 12-month period.

For MND patients in the inpatient setting, health care services can also access additional top up funding. This is available to 'care type 8' patients, or a diagnosis code of "Z51.5 Palliative Care".

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Motor Neurone Disease



Shared Care Worker- Hume Region

What is Motor Neurone Disease

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is a progressive neurological disease affecting nerve cells that control the muscles used in movement, speech, swallowing and breathing. MND is a life limiting illness.

There is no cure for MND at this time.

Palliative care can provide support to patients and families living with MND through assistance with physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual care.



Motor Neurone Disease Shared Care Worker

The Motor Neurone Disease Shared Care Worker is available to provide support to health professionals and community care providers through education when caring for people with Motor Neurone Disease.

As Motor Neurone Disease progresses, care needs can rapidly change. Each individual will have their own unique range of symptoms and requirements for support.

Early referral to Palliative Care can assist to improve the quality of life for people living with Motor Neurone Disease. Care staff may have limited or mixed experiences caring for people with Motor Neurone Disease, and this is where the Shared Care Worker may be useful.

The Motor Neurone Disease Shared Care Worker works closely with Motor Neurone Disease Victoria Advisor and Support Coordinator.

Health Professionals and Community Care Providers can contact the Motor Neurone Disease Shared Care Worker for consultation and advice for any clients with Motor Neurone Disease receiving palliative care in the Hume Region.

