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I'm here now tweeting from the concurrent session on The Future of Palliative Care in the Home. Chaired by [@phillips_janey](#) with our wonderful [@Pall_Care_Aus](#) Board Member [@calvert_shannon](#) #21OPCC

Here's [@calvert_shannon](#), speaking on her lived experience of palliative care, caring for her mother, whilst also living with her own health issues. Also sporting a lovely new haircut :) #21OPCC



Liz Callaghan speaking on the many challenges for carers. [@CarersAustralia](#) #21OPCC



We know how to manage chronic conditions, we just need to apply the evidence. We know how to provide really good palliative care. What we haven't done so well is agreed, implemented and embedded a good model of community-based palliative care. Mark Cockayne [@wapha_phns](#) #21OPCC



Mike Baird of [@HammondCare](#) stating that palliative care, whilst not an afterthought, is not getting the attention it needs and deserves. We need to reclaim the humanity of dying. [#21OPCC](#)



[@phillips_janey](#) asking a great question on why [#palliativecare](#) isn't getting the investment it needs from government, even after important reports such as this commissioned by [@Pall_Care_Aus](#) Investing to Save [@KPMG](#)



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Mike Baird [@HammondCare](#) stresses we need to tell real and compelling stories to achieve greater investment. [#21OPCC](#)

Future solutions? [@CarersAustralia](#) difficult if you don't have systems that talk to each other. Systems to support carers have not focused on [#palliativecare](#) or [#endoflifecare](#). Technology helps [#COVID19](#) but not without barriers. Circles of care, communities, are vital [#21OPCC](#)

[@calvert_shannon](#) we are going in the right direction. Consistent model of care is a work in progress but will make a huge difference. [#21OPCC](#)

[@SilverChainAUS](#) Anna Barker. One size doesn't fit all. Core ingredients, but tremendous value in working flexibly, relevant for the local ecosystem. Need to adapt, recognise vast differences, diversity. Like a present - core is the same, wrapping paper changes! [#21OPCC](#)

[@wapha_phns](#) Mark Cockayne. GPs are essential - need to nurture their practice. We have paid cursory response to them at times. We need meaningful engagement, relationships with GPs at the local level. [#21OPCC](#)

[@wapha_phns](#) Find ways to increase access to the vulnerable in our communities - partnerships across other providers. Think deeply about cultural safety, reach into the community, and support people in a different way. Co-design with communities [#21OPCC](#)

[@phillips_janey](#) Let's think about technology. Mike Baird [@HammondCare](#) need scaleable, digital solutions for remote and underserved communities. Open up greater experiences, we are limited by our thinking. [#21OPCC](#)

[@SilverChainAUS](#) Anna Barker says the best ideas come from the frontline. Yes! True all over the world - including in communities facing resource scarcity or crisis. Families & communities are the ones on the frontlines, have answers, have ingenuity, are bold. [@rachelcogs](#) [#21OPCC](#)

[@SilverChainAUS](#) trialling "virtual buddy". TEST AND LEARN, INNOVATE, BE BOLD says Anna Barker! [#21OPCC](#)

[@calvert_shannon](#) Recognise digital health is a complement, not a panacea. Digital health needs to be co-designed with communities, carers, older people, culturally diverse - minimise the daunting process of tech. Can't discriminate by age, culture, single households [#21OPCC](#)

[@Pall_Care_Aus](#) and the Australian COVID-19 Palliative Care Working Group has done important work during COVID-19 on expanding access to telehealth for palliative care. Recognises this is not a panacea, but needs investment.



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PCA has provided a submission to the Department of Health calling for expanded telehealth capacity through the MBS to support palliative care patients. This included calling for an expansion of exis...

<https://palliativecare.org.au/pca-calls-for-expanded-telehealth-capacity-for-palliative-care>

[@meera_agar](#) [@PCACEO](#) [#21OPCC](#)

[@CarersAustralia](#) implores us all in [#palliativecare](#) to not leave anyone behind in advancements in digital technology. [#21OPCC](#)

Sustainability of digital tech is important. Don't drop this all when the crisis is over.

[@wapha_phns](#) Mark Cockayne. [#21OPCC](#)

Think carefully about digital inclusion, about structural reform across Australia regardless of postcode, about a rights-based approach to palliative care, engage hearts and minds of the community to drive this agenda. Nice summary of an excellent panel [@phillips_janey](#) [#21OPCC](#)

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