



Media release

Project launched to enable specialist nurses to provide end-of-life care at home

A unique research partnership between the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation and Melbourne's Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre will bring together cancer, research and palliative care specialists to fulfill a last wish of people with terminal pancreatic cancer: to die with dignity, at home.

Launched this morning in Sydney, the \$430,000 Avner Nahmani PANcare Home Nursing Project will support the placement of specially trained nurses in the homes of pancreatic cancer patients, over their final nights in Western and Central Melbourne.

The project was funded by the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation through the generosity of many donors including Woolworths Limited, Coca-Cola Amatil, Wellcom and the Annie Danks Trust. The full list of donors are listed below.

Woolworths Limited CEO and Director of the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, Grant O'Brien says, "This is an important initiative that can provide care to patients with pancreatic cancer during the most difficult period of their disease, especially at night when pain tends to be worse and help is difficult to reach. We are very proud to support this initiative"

Through the Avner Nahmani PANcare Home Nursing Project, teams from community palliative care services and hospitals will come together to pilot the creation of a pool of nurses trained to address the needs of people with end-stage pancreatic cancer to be available including providing hands on care throughout the night in their homes.

Caroline Kelly co-founded the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, named in honour of her late husband, whose desire to die at home was unfulfilled.

'As someone who has cared for a loved one in their final moments, I know how overwhelmingly important it is to ensure those moments are not only comforting and pain-free but to ensure the right supports are in place to allow those final moments to be in the place a person wishes to die.'

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For further information or to organise an interview, please contact Caroline Kelly on 0415 503 971

Notes to Editors:

About the Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation:

The Avner Nahmani Pancreatic Cancer Foundation is the only Foundation in Australia exclusively dedicated to Pancreatic Cancer. The organisation funds research and support services and helps build awareness in the community.

Those that made the project possible include:

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