

# HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE IN CANADA

HARRIS/DECIMA THE WAY FORWARD SURVEY RESULTS\*



**96%** of Canadians **SUPPORT HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE**

**93%** believe it **REDUCES STRESS** and family burden

**94%** believe it **IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE**

**87%** believe that a palliative approach to care should be **AVAILABLE EARLY** on in the course of a disease

**94%** believe it should **INCLUDE ALL CARE PROVIDERS**

**93%** believe palliative care services should be available in the **SETTING OF THEIR CHOICE**

**49%** are aware they **CAN ACCESS** these services outside of a hospital, hospice or facility

**21%** report having any **PERSONAL EXPERIENCE** with palliative care services

Those who believe it is important to have a **CONVERSATION** with loved ones about their wishes for care **96%**

Have actually **HAD A DISCUSSION** **34%**

Have **COMPLETED AN ADVANCE CARE PLAN** to communicate their wishes **13%**

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**73%** want more information from their doctors so that they can **PLAN AND BEGIN** these important conversations

**80%** feel these conversations should **START WHEN THEY ARE HEALTHY** or when they are diagnosed with a life-limiting disease



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## RESOURCES:

Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association – [www.chpca.net](http://www.chpca.net)

Speak Up: Start the Conversation about End-of-life Care  
– [www.advancecareplanning.ca](http://www.advancecareplanning.ca)



The Way Forward Initiative  
[www.hpcintegration.ca](http://www.hpcintegration.ca)