



Above: Our volunteers greet visitors with a friendly smile.

Referrals

Bethlehem encourages early referral and welcomes enquiries from patients and their families. Patients referred to us must have a GP or specialist letter, copies of any recent test results, a list of current medications and other relevant information; please advise us if you require support with this.

On referral and after consultation with patients and their families we will determine the best place for an initial assessment. A copy of the Bethlehem Referral Form is available at www.bethlehem.org.au

Education and training

As a specialist health service we focus on education and training to build capacity in other services across Victoria to better support people with specialist needs closer to their home.

Bethlehem is a teaching hospital which is affiliated with a number of universities. We offer a range of student, graduate and post graduate clinical placements for medical, nursing and allied health disciplines; supported by state-of-the-art facilities.

Research

Partnering with others, Bethlehem participates in research at both a national and international level, with a particular focus on progressive neurological diseases and palliative care in our dedicated facilities. Research enables us to build and strengthen evidence-based practice and improve patient outcomes.

Friends of Bethlehem

Friends of Bethlehem is a community of supporters made up of a variety of people including carers of people with chronic and life threatening illnesses, former patients and staff, volunteers, people interested in supporting healthcare organisations, and benefactors.

To join us scan here with your smart phone camera, or go to our website.

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About Us



Continuing the Mission of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary

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Calvary Bethlehem has been proudly serving the needs of Glen Eira and surrounding communities for over 80 years.

Bethlehem specialist palliative and progressive neurological services support and work in collaboration with patients their families and their health care providers to provide the best outcomes for patients.

The work we do reflects our mission of caring for the sick and dying through 'being for others' with a focus on wellness and active engagement in life. We are known for our compassionate, quality care, tailored to the individual needs of people with complex progressive and chronic diseases.

In 2023 our health service relocated back to Calvary Kooyong in Caulfield South and operates as part of an integrated health, aged care and retirement precinct.

Our new development includes Bethlehem's renowned specialist services alongside residential care and retirement apartments, together with primary care services, retail, social and recreational facilities. The precinct provides an integrated model of care that enables people to live well and age in place as their care needs change.

For more information visit: www.bethlehem.org.au



Above: Our Graduate Program helps develop the assessment and critical thinking skills required to effectively nurse patients.

Our Services

Our model of care is patient-centred and goal focussed. We work with patients and their families to improve patients' quality of life and to live well.

We encourage early referral through one point of access coordinated across the following settings:

- centre based clinics - for initial assessment followed by ongoing monitoring, care planning and coordination;
- Day Centre - providing care that promotes wellbeing, social interaction and independence, in addition to providing respite for carers;
- home based care - providing care to patients at home or in residential care facilities, as well as through a range of programs. Includes monitoring support for those living within the Bethlehem catchment who cannot travel; and
- Inpatient beds - for assessment, symptom management, maintenance care or end of life care.

Our services are supported by:

- 24 hour telephone support for all patients, families and health providers;
- after hours in-home support for patients registered with our Community Palliative Care Service receiving Bethlehem home-based care;
- secondary consultation to other health providers;
- a range of equipment and assistive technologies; and
- telehealth consultations.



Above: Working together with assistive technologies to improve patient quality of life

Our Teams

Working together to live well

Our interdisciplinary teams provide high quality care that is easily accessible and coordinated across all of our service settings.

Our interdisciplinary model involves medical, nursing and a wide range of allied health disciplines including pastoral care and bereavement supported by volunteers, all working together to provide physical and psychosocial care and improve patient outcomes.

We collaborate with a patient's GP and their other health care providers to ensure care is responsive, flexible and respects the patient's values and choices.

Through early referral we are able to focus on improving patients' quality of life and help them to achieve their goals. With the complexity of our patients' illnesses it is the collective expertise and compassionate, professional approach of our specialist team that ensures our patients receive the best quality of care.