

## Palliative Care – Eastern Palliative Care (EPC)

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<b>Program</b>	External program
<b>Program code</b>	ESTPC (non-financial program).
<b>Definition</b>	<p>Eastern Palliative Care (EPC) provide interdisciplinary care and case management to people in the end stages of a terminal illness in the municipalities of Whitehorse, Knox, Maroondah, Shire Of Yarra Ranges, Booroondara, Manningham and Monash (Partial).</p> <p>EPC and RDNS have a Shared Care Agreement.</p>
<b>Responsibility</b>	RDNS general.
<b>Referrals</b>	<p><i>To</i> All referrals to ESTPC.</p> <p><i>From</i> EPC</p>
<b>RDNS centres covered</b>	Box Hill, Camberwell, Knox, Lilydale, Springvale (part) and Diamond Valley (Manningham).
<b>Type of service</b>	Palliative care shared between EPC and RDNS.
<b>Eligibility/criteria for accepting referral</b>	EPC determine eligibility prior to referral to RDNS.
<i>Overseas visitors</i>	Access determined by EPC.
<b>Health insurance</b>	Some health insurance policies may cover visits by RDNS. Clients need to liaise with their insurance company.
<b>Fees</b>	<p>RDNS charge as per the HACC fees policy provided in the <i>RDNS Financial Agreement form</i> (refer to <i>RDNS policy reference</i> below).</p> <p>EPC does not charge a fee for their service.</p>
<b>Liaison charge</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Consumables</b>	Client is responsible for the cost of consumables.
<b>Continuity of care/Core</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Access responsiveness</b>	<p>Prioritisation according to need.</p> <p>All EPC clients will have a <i>Site Assessment Tool (SAT)</i> completed on admission.</p>

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<b>RDNS policy reference</b>	CP-B06 <i>Determining client fees</i> CP-B05 <i>Managing a shared care client with external organisations</i>
<b>Contract/agreement</b>	Yes
<i>Contract responsibility</i>	CEO
<i>Contact responsibility</i>	General Manager/Director of Nursing South and East Regions.
<i>Expiry date</i>	
<b>Other programs permitted</b>	CACP CF HACC HOC HPP
<b>Comments</b>	
<b>Reference/source of information</b>	RDNS Centre Manager Box Hill. EPC: 1300 130 813.

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