

## A Role for Supportive Care in Cancer Control

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The diagnosis and subsequent treatment for cancer is for most people and their families a major life stress. High levels of psychosocial distress may present and this distress may continue over time, particularly where treatments are accompanied by physical morbidity and where patient and family coping resources are limited. In recent years, research into ways to assist families to cope with the experience of cancer provides advice about a range of effective supportive care interventions. However, organisations seeking to provide support need to consider the context and the capacity they have to deliver interventions appropriate for the community they serve. This presentation will overview models of supportive care with a focus on their applicability to the Asia Pacific context.