**The search for equitable, comprehensive palliative care in Canada**

All Canadians will eventually need access to quality palliative and end-of-life care for themselves or their loved ones, but receiving it has been an issue in Canadian healthcare for decades.

Covenant Health’s Palliative Institute is joining with numerous national health and industry partners to draw Canadians into a Canada-wide discussion on a national strategy for palliative care. This initiative, [*Palliative Care Matters*](http://www.palliativecarematters.ca), will reflect the views of Canadians and support the change they believe needs to happen in our country.

Palliative Care Matters begins by talking with Canadians about palliative care, their attitudes and what they expect, including the services and supports they value most and their views on access and best approaches.

Members of the public will then join with experts at a national consensus development conference. A panel of interested citizens will weigh the evidence and deliver a bold and thoughtful consensus statement. This statement will bring together professional knowledge and powerful lived experiences, and anchor a comprehensive report which will include a national strategy and roadmap for change.

Covenant Health Palliative Institute is a Canadian leader in health research and education.