



Implementation Tools: National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care

- The *National Guidelines for Spiritual Care in Aged Care* are based on the principles of a whole-of-organisation approach, valuing relational care, affirming that spiritual care is everyone’s business, and that spiritual care is about growth and flourishing. The Guidelines have five domains of spiritual care:
 1. Organisational leadership and alignment
 2. Relationships and connectedness
 3. Identifying and meeting spiritual needs
 4. Ethical context of spiritual care
 5. Enabling spiritual expression
- Each domain has ten outcomes and actions.
- Meaningful Ageing Australia has a rolling series of practical tools to assist aged care organisations with implementation. Each tool is aligned with one outcome.
- Tools have been refined following feedback from selected members prior to release.

“Outcome tool 1.4 is an important tool to develop spiritual awareness of loss and grief in leadership in the care of their staff.” - Catholic Homes WA

“A very practical document – easy to understand. It would be easy to integrate this into our existing audit and quality schedule.” Anglicare SA, Outcome 1.1 tool

“The example interview questions that enquire in plain terms about spirituality are especially helpful.” - Southern Cross Care NSW/ACT, Outcome 2.2 tool

