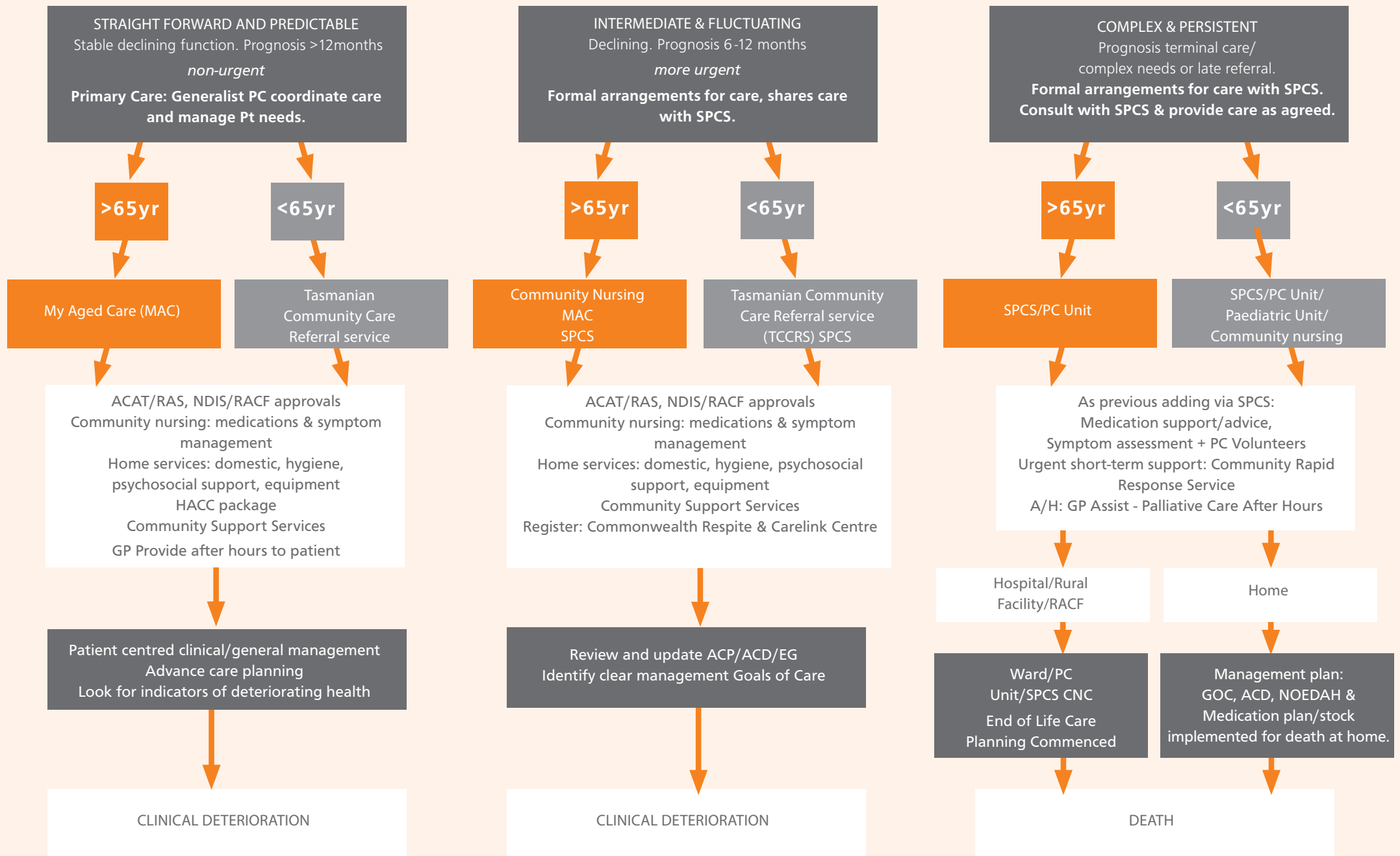




REFERRAL PATHWAY FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN TASMANIA FOR GENERAL PRACTICE





GUIDE FOR FLOW CHART: PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICE DELIVERY IN TASMANIA

Palliative care patients are mostly managed in primary care (see figure 1).

- They may require different levels of involvement from specialist palliative care services (SPCS) depending on their needs, and the capacity and capability of their primary care provider.
- They may move between levels during the course of their illness.
- They may receive palliative care in any setting, including the home, residential aged-care facility, inpatient palliative care facility or hospital (public, private, or rural), prisons, and disability group homes, and include homeless patients.

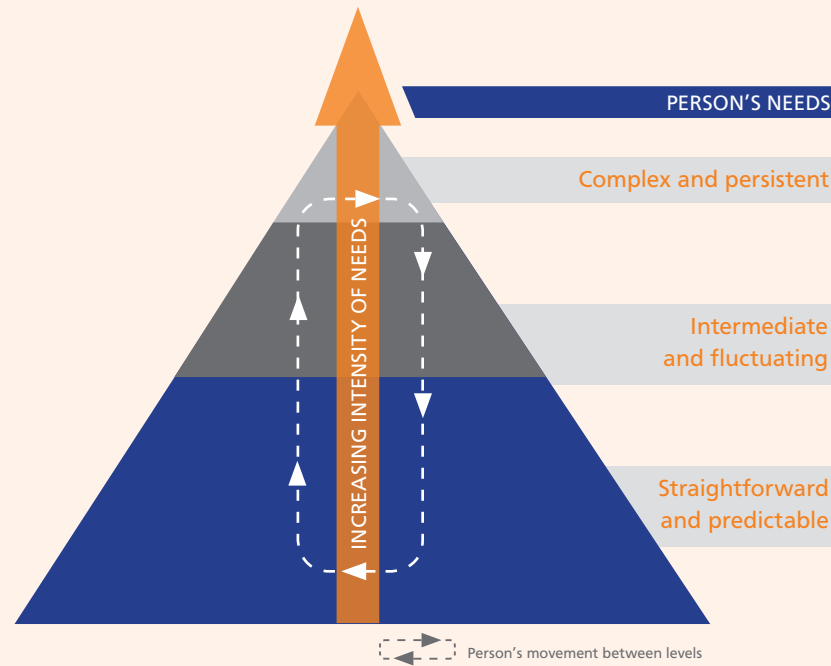


Figure 1: Conceptual model of level of need for palliative care among people living with a life-limiting illness. (Palliative Care Australia –Palliative Care Service Development Guidelines 2018)

***Within all tiers of service, the GP remains the primary care provider.**

Specialist palliative care services work with the GP, community nurses, other health services, as well as the patient and family/carers to provide additional support and clinical leadership. They offer specialist advice and assist in planning appropriate care.

PATIENT NEED	CARE DELIVERY
Complex & persistent	Specialist palliative care services (SPCS) in partnership with generalist palliative care
Intermediate & fluctuating	Generalist palliative care with support (from SPCS)
Straight forward & predictable	Generalist palliative care (GP & other health professionals)

- Index of Abbreviations:**
- PC: Palliative Care
 - ACAT: Aged Care Assessment
 - RAS: Regional Assessment Service
 - NDIS: National Disability Insurance Scheme
 - RACF: Residential Aged Care Facility
 - ACP: Advance Care Planning
 - ACD: Advance Care Directive
 - EG: Enduring Guardian
 - GOC: Goals of Care
 - GP: General practitioner
 - HACC: Home and Community Care
 - SPCS: Specialist Palliative Care Service
 - A/H: After Hours
 - Pt: Patient
 - MAC: My Aged Care
 - TCCRS: Tasmanian Community Care Referral
 - NOEDAH: notification of expected death at home