

Palliative Treatment for Children South Africa (PatchSA) is an inclusive and compassionate network that aims to share specialised knowledge, tools, resources and opportunities to ensure the best possible care for children with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses, and to provide support to healthcare professionals, families and lay caregivers.



PatchSA welcomes any families, lay caregivers and child-caring professionals, including paediatricians, GPs, nurses, social workers, allied health practitioners, psychologists, teachers and clergy to join the network.

Our Vision

To ensure the right of every child to access quality palliative care in South Africa



Patch community empowers the broader community to support professionals and affected families through fundraising, volunteering and other practical initiatives.



Patch Family supports families and lay-caregivers through sharing information, practical tools and experiences along their unique journeys.



Patch Healthcare supports healthcare professionals through the sharing of information and resources, advocating, providing training, promoting learning and sharing research opportunities.

Our Mission

To mobilise and support a sustainable network of individuals, organisations, professionals and caregivers to provide palliative care for children and their families from diagnosis to bereavement as an essential component of Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

Our Objectives

The Association is a Voluntary Association and non-profit organisation established for the following public benefit objectives:

- To create and sustain a vibrant network of individuals and organisations with an interest in children's palliative care;
- To be a repository of information on children's palliative care, resources and service providers in South Africa and to develop and promote local appropriate guidelines and standards for children's palliative care;
- To provide evidence-based education in children's palliative care for professionals and parents;
- To be a strong collaborative voice for the right of the child to receive quality palliative care in South Africa;
- To drive the research agenda for evidence-based children's palliative care; and
- To promote the development of support systems for children, families, professional and lay caregivers.



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