

# The vital role of cancer nurses: treating and caring for people with pancreatic cancer and their carers

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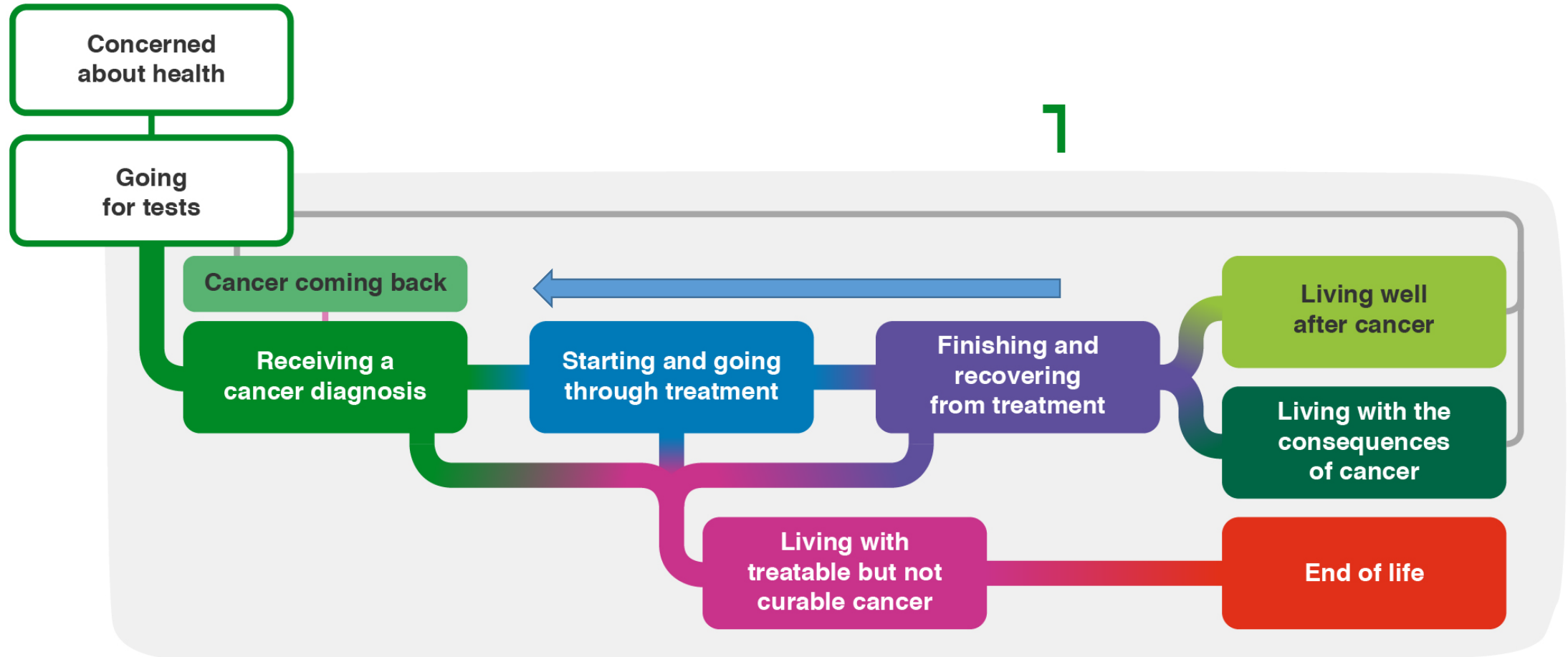
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# What do people with pancreatic cancer want?

- easy to get concerns heard
  - quick diagnosis
  - timely treatment
  - planned stages of care with support
  - supported rehabilitation and aftercare
  - support for carers
  - psychological support
  - symptoms managed at all stages
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- Outcomes which matter to people

# Times of need



This area accounts for 2.5M people living in the UK that have had a cancer diagnosis at some point in their life (cancer prevalence).

Group 1:  
Many live for more than a decade

Group 2:  
Most similar to a long term condition

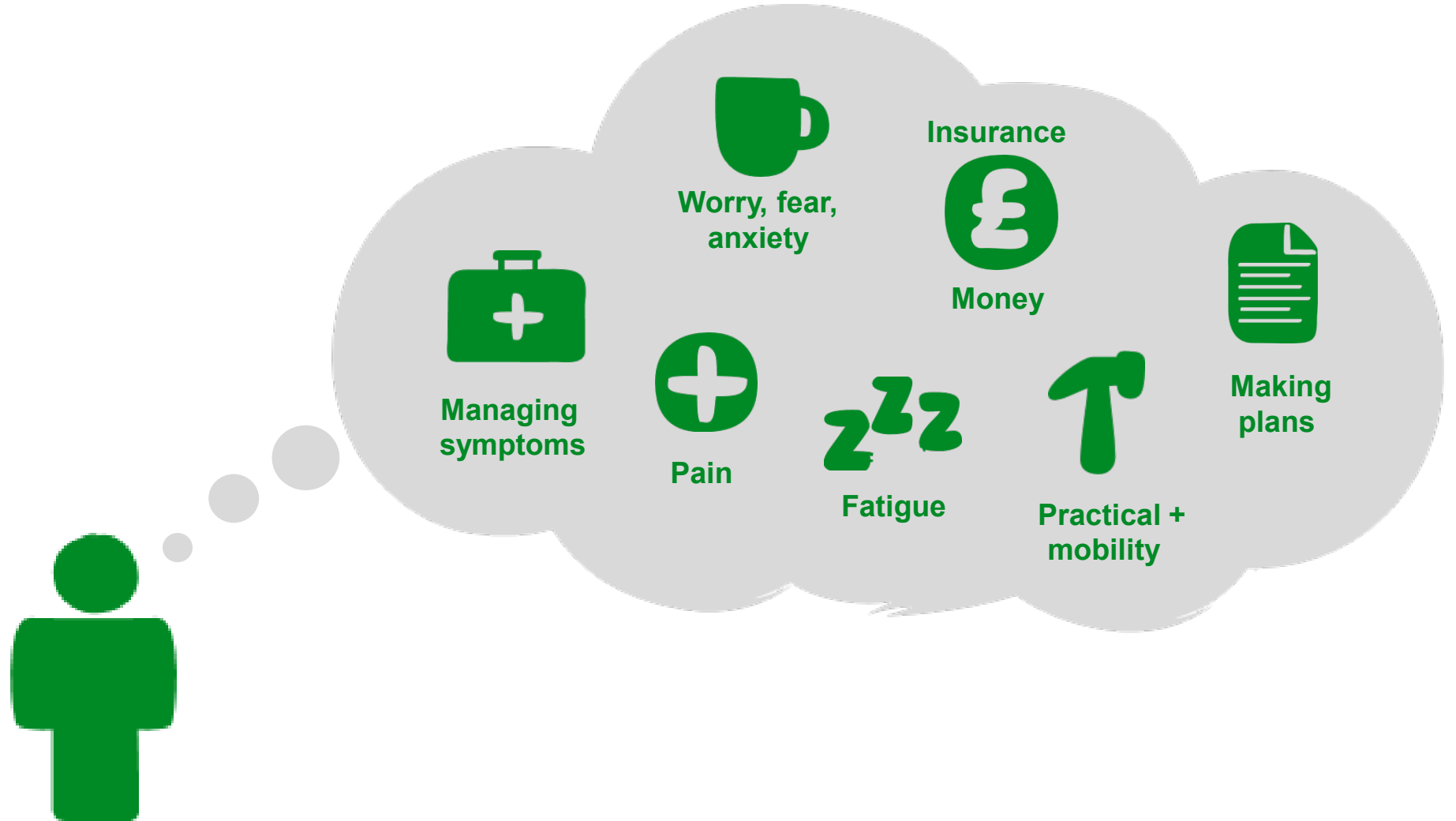
Group 3:  
Survival for the majority is short term

Pancreatic  
Cancer

# Why is this important for nurses???

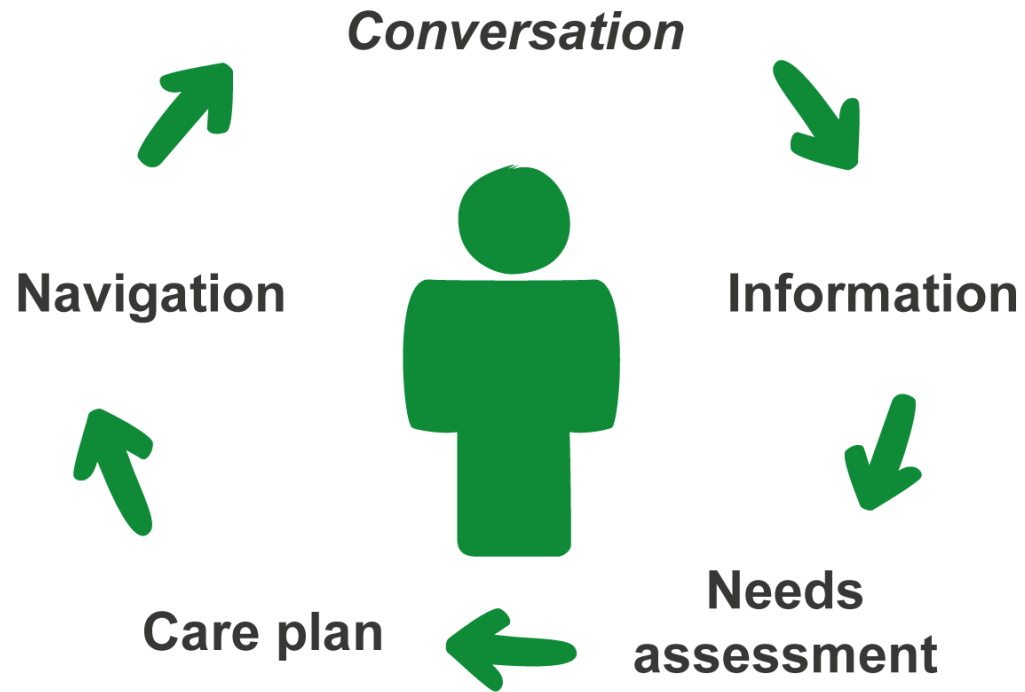
- 'This is the cancer no one wants!'
- Death is inevitable but future is uncertain
- Treatable But Not Curable
- Symptom burden and treatment effects are costly
- Deterioration can be swift
- Complex symptom management
- Live from scan to scan
- Clinical trials

# Types of need

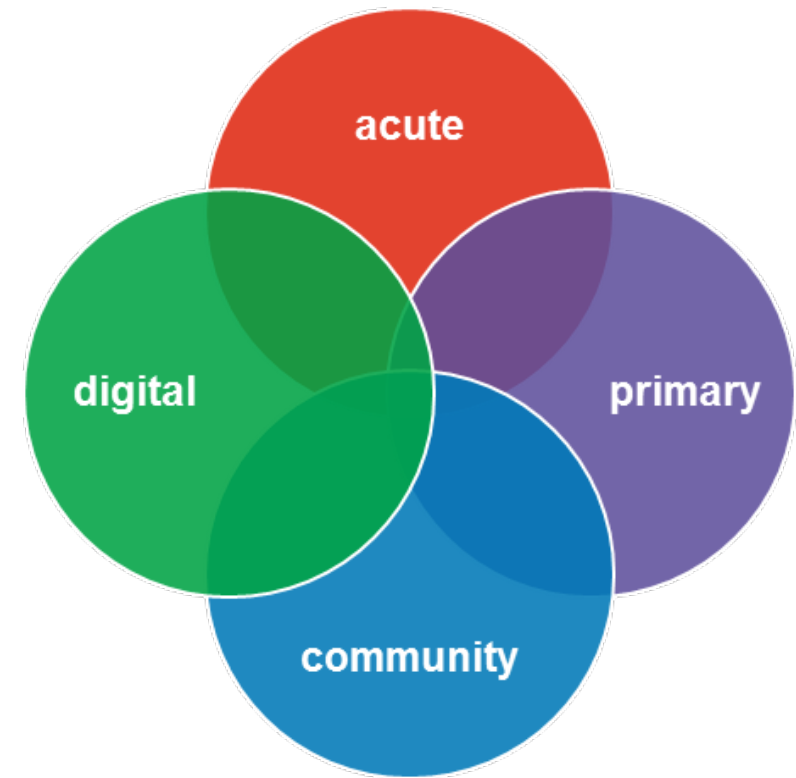


# Finding your best way through

**What**



**Where**





Of the 76% of people who have thought about dying, only 8% had spoken to their healthcare team

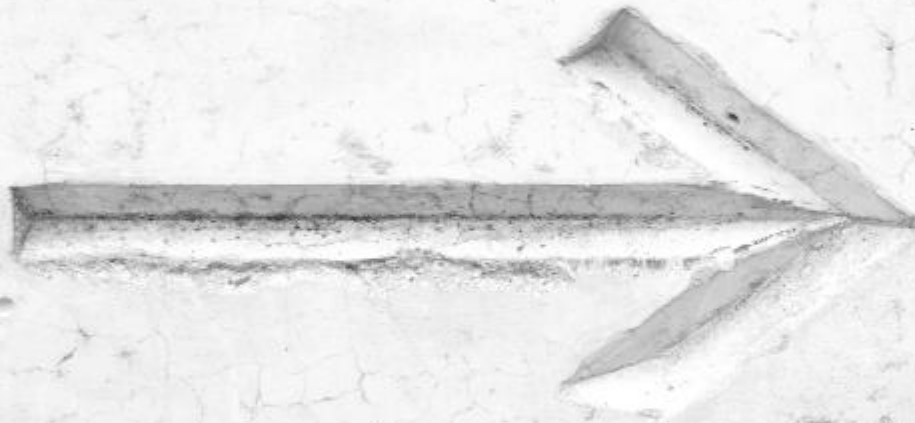
36% of people said they would like more support with worry, fear or anxiety



Carol, living with cancer



# Developing the cancer workforce



Increased focus on our work in primary care and the community



**Tania Anastaslladis, Macmillan GP**



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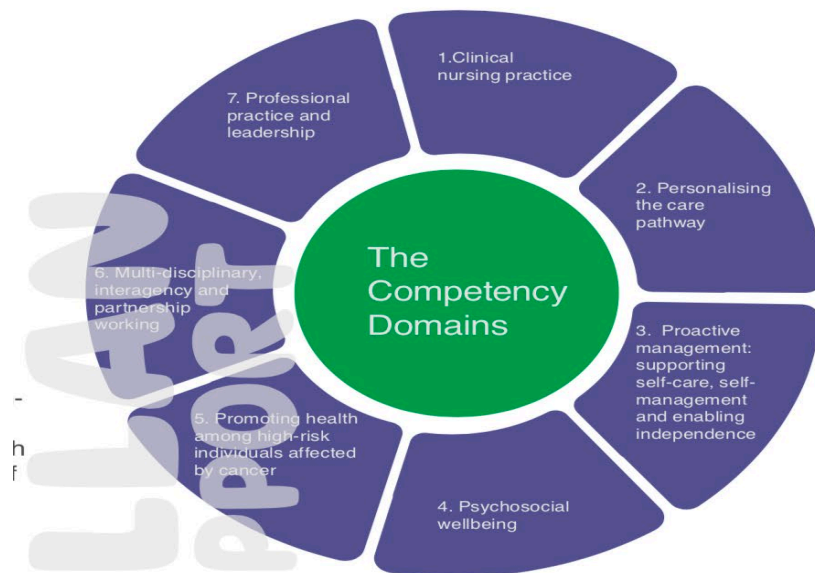
# MACMILLAN COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK FOR NURSES (MCFN)



Clinical Nurse Specialists,  
NHS Bristol

The Macmillan Competency Framework  
for Nurses (MCFN) supporting people  
living with and affected by cancer

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#### 4.4 Self-Assessment against the MCFN

There are three columns linked to each competency and level of practice. These form the basis of the competency tool kit and may be used to recognise your strengths (or those of your team) including your existing knowledge and skills, identify gaps and support your ongoing development. These are explained in more detail in section 5.

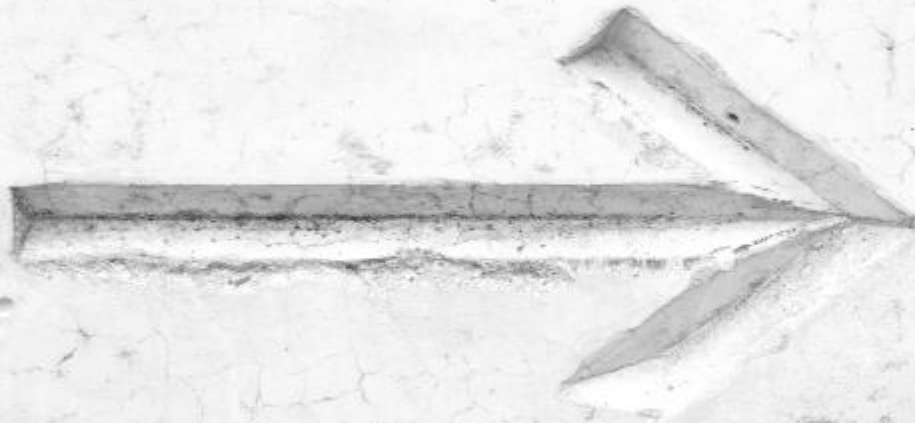


# NEW WAYS OF WORKING



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# Summary – observations of a wife



# Life Changing



Mark Roberts  
19/3/63 – 11/9/17

Dad  
Husband  
Son  
Brother  
Uncle  
Friend  
Cyclist  
Colleague  
Gynaecologist

All round good egg



# A Family With Cancer



Our purpose

**TO HELP EVERYONE WITH CANCER  
LIVE LIFE AS FULLY AS THEY CAN**

**THANK  
YOU**

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