



FROM THE WEBSITE

CareSearch Review Collection

We are continuing to add reviews to the CareSearch Review Collection. Nine new reviews were added in the last month. They include:

Mayland C, Williams E, Ellershaw J. How well do current instruments using bereaved relatives' views evaluate care for dying patients? *Palliative Medicine* 2008 Mar; 22(2):133-44.

Noble H, Meyer J, Bridges J, Kelly D, Johnson B. Patient experience of dialysis refusal or withdrawal - a review of the literature *Journal of Renal Care* 2008 Jun;34(2):94-100.

Morgan J. End-of-life care in UK critical care units - a literature review *Nursing in Critical Care* 2008 May-Jun; 13(3):152-61.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/FindingEvidence/CareSearchReviewCollection/tabid/501/Default.aspx>

Online modules

Five new online modules have been added to our web based learning section. Modules included in this section have been appraised for the quality of their content, and their relevance for palliative care. If there are other resources that should be included in this list, please contact the CareSearch Team and let us know.

The new modules are:

- > Multilingual core curriculum in psycho oncology
- > Distress management training for oncology nurses
- > Cancer 101 for mental health professionals
- > Frontline Psychosocial Support
- > Strengthening Cancer Care: Psychosocial Support

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/Education/WebBasedLearning/tabid/76/Default.aspx>

USING CARESEARCH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

As a clinician or manager you may take on the responsibility for disseminating palliative care information. This may be for those within your own team; it may be for those within the wider organisation, for patients and their families, or for other health professional colleagues that you work alongside.

At CareSearch, we are aware that providing information and education, whether formal or informal, to colleagues or to patients can be given in many different ways. Access to the internet may be limited in the workplace, for example, so it is worth remembering that CareSearch is able to provide (free of charge) hard copy pamphlets and magnets to give out to others.

Some of the following ideas may be of help:

- > If you have computers within your workplace, place magnets nearby with the CareSearch address. If the computers are where patients can access them, then consider placing CareSearch pamphlets nearby to encourage visits to the website

- > If you regularly work alongside general practitioners then why not refer them to the GP pages on the website? These pages are especially written for GPs and are able to be accessed in between surgery appointments or at Aged Care Facilities on occasions when palliative care patients are being seen
- > For many students, the CareSearch section on learning to search is an ideal place to start. It has a designated palliative care filter linked to PubMed which will help those who are new to searching
- > Are Aged Care Facilities within your area in need of some updates? Why not download information on various topics to use for in-service education (e.g., opioid information on the GP pages)
- > Hospital or community multidisciplinary meetings provide an ideal opportunity to look at evidence-based practice. CareSearch has a comprehensive section on finding evidence, how to appraise it and how to apply it. The reducing evidence-practice gaps pages may be useful here to generate conversation and look at addressing changes in practice.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY

New UK End of Life Strategy

This policy direction aims to provide people approaching the end of life with more choice about where they would like to live and die. It encompasses all adults with advanced, progressive illness and care given in all settings.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_086277

Cancer Learning

The Cancer Learning online hub is an initiative of Cancer Australia and aims to consolidate the enormous variety of evidence-based learning activities, resources and information in cancer care available across Australia and overseas. There is also information for health professionals about planning their own professional development and resources for networks on planning professional development to meet service delivery priorities.

<http://www.cancerlearning.org.au/CL/>

World Health Statistics 2008

The World Health Organisation has produced a statistical report on the most recent available health statistics for WHO's 193 Member States. This edition includes 10 highlights of health statistics as well as data on an expanded set of over 70 key health indicators.

<http://www.who.int/whosis/whostat/2008/en/index.html>

Search for a Carer's Story

Sir Roden Cutler Charities is calling for carers to come forward and tell their stories as part of its newly launched program – 'Search for a Carer's Story'. The aim of the program is to recognise carers and share their stories with their fellow Australians. They are inviting unpaid carers to submit stories from July 1 to August 31, 2008.

<http://www.sirroden-cutler-charities.org.au/>

Victorian Palliative Care Research Collaboration

The Centre of Palliative Care Education and Research (CPCER) is undertaking a project to determine the feasibility, requirements and recommendations for establishing a state-wide collaborative approach to enhance palliative care research outcomes. They are seeking feedback. You can seek further details on the project or provide feedback by emailing cpcpa@medstv.unimelb.edu.au.

You can find out more about what is happening in the palliative care community by checking What's New at: <http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/News/WhatsNewintheCommunity/tabid/167/Default.aspx>

CONFERENCES

Conference: Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses 10th National Conference

Date: September 10-12 2008

Location: Adelaide, South Australia

Conference: National Dementia Research Forum

Date: September 18-19 2008

Location: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Conference: The 7th Palliative Care Congress

Date: March 10-12 2010

Location: Glasgow, Scotland

Conference: 11th Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care

Date: May 7-10 2009

Location: Vienna, Austria

Details on these and other conferences can be found on the Conferences page.



RESEARCH NEWS

MND Grants 2009

Researchers working in Australia in fields that are relevant to motor neurone disease are invited to apply for grants funded by the MND Research Institute of Australia. Applications close on Friday 29 August 2008.

<http://www.mndresearch.asn.au/>

NHMRC Partnership Projects

The NHMRC is calling for funding applications under its NHMRC Partnerships initiative. The aim of this initiative is to build more effective connections between policy makers and researchers, and to improve the availability and quality of research evidence to help inform the policy process. Applications close Friday 19 December 2008.

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/partnerships.htm>

Multicentre Ethical Review Consultations

As part of its Harmonisation of Multi-Ethical Review (HoMER) activity, the NHMRC will conduct Australia wide focus groups during July and August 2008 to discuss implementing a nationally harmonised system of ethical review for multi-centre research projects.

http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/health_ethics/hrecs/homer.htm

Cancer Institute NSW

Applications are invited from clinicians or researchers involved in any discipline of research relevant to cancer for the following fellowships and scholar awards:

- > Early Career Development Fellowships
- > Clinical Research Fellowships
- > International Clinical and Research Fellowship
- > Research Scholar Awards

Applications open 7 July 2008. External closing date: 5 September 2008.

Full details on these grants are available on the Cancer Institute website.

http://www.cancerinstitute.org.au/cancer_inst/research/current_opportunities.html

You can check on research news at <http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/News/WhatsNewintheCommunity/tabid/167/Default.aspx>

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

We have a variety of information pieces available for the palliative care community. You can view these resources on the website and download an order form.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/ProjectResources/PromotionalResources/tabid/433/Default.aspx>

All enquiries regarding our promotional materials can be directed to Natasha Schembri via email at natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au

September Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Wednesday in September. If you have any item you would like to have considered for inclusion please send details one week prior to the circulation date to

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