



Welcome to the September edition of @CareSearch. Over the last three months we have been promoting CareSearch at a number of conferences and meetings as well as distributing our new leaflets and information sheets. We are continuing to add new material and to revise and update the existing information.

## FROM THE WEBSITE

### Delirium

Delirium is defined as a condition of disturbed consciousness, with reduced ability to focus, sustain or shift attention. It is extremely common in palliative care patients and becomes more frequent towards the end of life. There is a new set of pages on delirium just released within the website in the Clinical Practice pages.

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ClinicalPractice/Physical/Delirium/tabid/745/Default.aspx>

### Online Modules

Dementia Education Online is a set of three educational modules on dementia developed by the Eastern Australia Dementia Training & Study Centre with funding from the Australian Government as part of the "Dementia: A National Health Priority" initiative. The topics cover:

- > What is dementia?
- > Recognising dementia
- > Communication in dementia care

These modules can be accessed through the Web Based Learning section.

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

### CareSearch Review Collection

We are continuing to add review citations to the CareSearch Review Collection. Nine new reviews were added in August. They include:

- > Del Bal N, Gastmans C, Dierckx de Casterlè B. Nurses' involvement in the care of patients requesting euthanasia: a review of the literature. *Int J Nurs Stud.* 2008 Apr; 45(4):626-44.
- > Cohen LL. Racial/ethnic disparities in hospice care: a systematic review. *J Palliat Med.* 2008 Jun;11(5):763-8.
- > Embrey N Exploring the lived experience of palliative care for people with MS 1: A literature review *British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*, Vol. 4, Iss. 1, 11 Jan 2008, pp 9 - 16

The Review Collection includes topic based summaries of systematic reviews retrieved from four bibliographic databases. It provides a useful mechanism to explore the state of the evidence summarised in systematic reviews on a topic basis.

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

### Review of CareSearch GP and Patient/Carer Pages

Every two years content pages are formally reviewed. We are currently planning for the review of the GP pages and the Patient/Carer pages that were released in March 2007. We'd welcome any feedback that users would like to make on the sets of pages particularly whether there is other content that could be helpful and how the format and presentation could be made more useful. Providing us with feedback can help us provide better content for all users. Please email us at [caresearch@flinders.edu.au](mailto:caresearch@flinders.edu.au)

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY

### Australian Charter of Health Rights

Australian Health Ministers endorsed the Australian Charter of Healthcare Rights at their July 2008 meeting. The Charter was developed after wide consultation by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care and specifies the key rights of patients and consumers when seeking or receiving healthcare services.

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/52533CE922D6F58BCA2573AF007BC6F9/\\$File/CharterA4-Flyer.PDF](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/content/52533CE922D6F58BCA2573AF007BC6F9/$File/CharterA4-Flyer.PDF)

### Joint Declaration and Statement of Commitment Palliative Care and Pain Treatment as Human Rights

Representatives of palliative care and pain treatment alliances, federations, associations, organizations, related organizations and members of civil society agreed to work and collaborate together to develop and implement a Joint Declaration and Statement on recognition of Palliative Care and Pain Treatment as Human Rights. The Declaration has been initiated by the International Association of Hospice and Palliative Care and the Worldwide Palliative Care Alliance.

[http://www.hospicecare.com/resources/pain\\_pallcare\\_hr/](http://www.hospicecare.com/resources/pain_pallcare_hr/)



**THE PALLIATIVE CARE FOUNDATION RUNS AN ANNUAL PROGRAM TO SUPPORT EDUCATION AND RESEARCH INTO PALLIATIVE CARE IN AUSTRALIA.**

### Palliative Care Foundation 2009 Grants Round

The Palliative Care Foundation runs an annual program to support education and research into Palliative Care in Australia. Applications close 10 October 2008. Grants will focus on supporting education in palliative care, in order to better integrate research in palliative care with existing research funding support into the future.

[http://www.palliativecare.org.au/Portals/46/E-Bulletin/2008/E-Bulletin\\_V2\\_Supplement\\_August\\_2008\\_BF\\_ID.pdf](http://www.palliativecare.org.au/Portals/46/E-Bulletin/2008/E-Bulletin_V2_Supplement_August_2008_BF_ID.pdf)

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>

## RESEARCH NEWS

### NHMRC/ARC 2008 Research

#### Administrator's Seminar

NHMRC/ARC 2008 Research Administrator's Seminar will be held in association with the Australian Research Management Society (ARMS), 6-7 November 2008 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra.

[http://www.arc.gov.au/general/research\\_seminar.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/general/research_seminar.htm)

### 2009 NICS Fellowships

NICS Fellowships provide an opportunity for future leaders in Australian health care to develop their knowledge and expertise in closing the gaps between evidence and practice.

[http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/asp/index.asp?page=programs/programs\\_article&cid=5263&gid=237&id=714](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/asp/index.asp?page=programs/programs_article&cid=5263&gid=237&id=714)

You can check on research news at:

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/AboutCareSearch/News/WhatsNewintheCommunity/tabid/167/Default.aspx>



## CONFERENCES

Conference: 10th National Rural Health Conference

Date: May 17-20 2009

Location: Cairns, Qld

Conference: ADEC 31st Annual Conference Living  
Beyond Loss: Mending Body, Mind and Spirit

Date: April 15-18 2009

Location: Hyatt Regency Dallas, Dallas, Texas USA

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

Date: May 7-10 2009

Location: Vienna, Austria

Conference: XIXth IAGG World Congress of Gerontology  
and Geriatrics 2009

Date: July 5-9 2009

Location: Paris, France

More 2008, 2009 and 2010 conferences are listed on  
CareSearch on the Conferences page.

[http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/Education/  
Conferences/tabid/74/Default.aspx](http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/Education/Conferences/tabid/74/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](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](mailto:natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au)

### October Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Wednesday in October. If you have any item you would like to have considered for inclusion please send details one week prior to the circulation date to [natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au](mailto:natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au)



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