

## CareSearch eNews

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### ***From the Website***

We have made one major change to the website to enable direct topic based searching in PubMed. PubMed is a service of the National Library of Medicine and enables users to search over 14 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's.

The CareSearch website now houses a series of specifically designed searches on common topics in palliative care such as dyspnoea, pain and advance directives. A medical librarian developed these searches. Clicking on the chosen search topic automatically jumps you into the PubMed environment to run the search. The search strategy will pull up citations relevant to the topic.

Visitors to the site can select not only the topic of interest but refine the search to articles dealing only with systematic reviews or randomised controlled trials. Visitors also have the option of choosing a free full text option. This option will only identify articles on the selected topic that are available on line free of charge enabling you to have immediate access to these articles

To utilise this facility go to the website at [www.caresearch.com.au](http://www.caresearch.com.au) select the tab button at the top called search Strategies in Palliative Care, then click on the highlighted PubMed term in the introduction.

Alternately, go directly to the following page address in the website

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/minigen/default.asp?contentID=58>

We would welcome feedback from users on whether this is a useful addition and what other search topics are needed.

### ***Hot Picks***

This month's Hot Pick article is reviewed by Geoff Mitchell whose main research interest is on the role of GPs in palliative care. The article he has reviewed deals with the spiritual needs of people dying of lung cancer or heart failure. The review can be found at <http://www.caresearch.com.au/minigen/default.asp?contentID=80>

### ***Feedback Survey***

All visitors to the website are invited to complete a feedback survey. Feedback is an important element of improving the website and ensuring that the content and facilities are useful and relevant.

In this survey we are interested in finding out how visitors learned about CareSearch. This will help us communicate more effectively. You can access the survey by clicking on

the feedback survey button on the sidebar of any of the webpages.

The CareSearch website and the Evidence Based project are supported by a grant from the Department of Health and Ageing.

### ***Knowledge Network***

The CareSearch website is hosting information on the Knowledge Network (Palliative Care) Project.

This involves developing a conceptual model of a network of resources and materials available through the Internet that would serve the palliative care community. A business plan outlining the resources, partnerships and strategies needed to introduce and support such a network will also be produced. All practitioners, educators and researchers working in the field are invited to participate by completing a needs assessment at <http://www.mortonblacketer.com.au/SurveyASP/takeSurvey.asp?surveyID=7>

Those wanting more information on the project or who are interested in submitting comments can email: [Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au)

### ***Newsletter changes***

The next CareSearch eNews will be a combined newsletter with the International Institute of Palliative and Supportive Studies. This combined newsletter will enable readers to have access to journal indices from four major palliative care journals and information on forthcoming conferences and educational programs.

If you are offering educational programs in palliative care or hosting conferences on palliative care and wish them to be included in this newsletter, please forward details to [Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au](mailto:Jennifer.Tieman@rgh.sa.gov.au)