

Information and evidence resources: Pain

The Clinical Practice section contains information on a number of common symptoms in palliative care. Symptoms in this section include items from the symptom assessment scale used in the Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration. The pages are developed following an examination of the research evidence for the symptom as described in systematic reviews relevant to the topic. The systematic reviews were identified following a search for topic-based systematic reviews in four databases: Ovid Medline, CINAHL, PsycINFO and Embase.

There are six pages dealing with pain with information that look at:

- [Pain](#)
- [Health service issues in pain management](#)
- [Pain assessment tools](#)
- [Opioid analgesics](#)
- [Radiotherapy and adjuncts](#)
- [Non-pharmacological approaches to pain management](#)

In the Finding Evidence section, there is the [CareSearch Review Collection](#). This provides a summary of systematic reviews and structured literature reviews on pain in a palliative care context. There are 88 systematic reviews on pain from the last eight years.

There is also a [PubMed Topic Search](#) on pain. You can choose from the following options:

- Free full text articles
 - strongest evidence (53 results)
 - everything (262 results)
- All citations
 - strongest evidence (736 results)
 - everything (4003 results)
 - last 3 months (128 results)

These citations (abstracts) will be relevant to pain in the palliative care setting. The strongest evidence option relates to randomised control trials and systematic reviews. A specific search on a drug or treatment can be completed by using the [Create Your Own PubMed Search Topic](#) facility.

The [Research Studies Register](#) captures current Australian research work relating to palliative care. The [CareSearch Grey Literature](#) has “hard to find” literature that may not have been published or was published in a journal not indexed by a major bibliographic database. These two resources may be useful if there is no readily available evidence.

CareSearch is an online resource funded by the Department of Health and Ageing to help clinicians and consumers find relevant evidence about palliative care.

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