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Updating Clinical Practice pages

Two more Clinical Practice pages have been recently reviewed and updated. They are:

- > [Social Support](#)
- > [Depression](#)

Understanding CareSearch

A new short DVD has been produced helping health professionals to understand CareSearch. Dr Christine Sanderson, a palliative care physician and CareSearch Research Fellow, talks about what CareSearch is and how it can be used in clinical practice. The DVD can be found on the [CareSearch DVD page](#) in the About CareSearch section.

CareSearch Review Collection

Sixteen systematic reviews were added to the CareSearch Review Collection in July 2010 including:

- > Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Collaborative Group. [Chemotherapy and supportive care versus supportive care alone for advanced non-small cell lung cancer](#). Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2010 May 12;5:CD007309. This meta-analysis of chemotherapy in the supportive care setting found that chemotherapy improved overall survival in all patients with advanced NSCLC.
- > da Costa Santos CM, de Mattos Pimenta CA, Nobre MR. [A systematic review of topical treatments to control the odor of malignant fungating wounds](#). J Pain Symptom Manage. 2010 Jun;39(6):1065-76. Within the 59 studies that analyzed odor control, seven were clinical trials (35%), five were case series (25%), and eight (40%) were case studies. Eleven topical treatments were identified. The variety of interventions and of the methodological quality of the studies did not allow for meta-analysis. Grade B evidence for the treatment of malignant fungating wounds was found with topical metronidazole, Mesalt dressing, activated carbon dressing, and curcumin ointment.

- > Mulvihill C, Harrington A, Robertson A. [A literature review of the role of the specialist palliative care community nurse](#). Int J Palliat Nurs. 2010 Apr;16(4):163-72. This review noted three themes emerging from the literature - communication and collaboration; a clarification of the role; and the role of referral.
- > Macdonald ME, Chilibeck G, Affleck W, Cadell S. [Gender imbalance in pediatric palliative care research samples](#). Palliat Med. 2010 Jun;24(4):435-44. Epub 2009 Dec 16. Forty five studies met the criteria for inclusion. Mothers constituted 75% of the overall sample of parents. In only four studies was the gender imbalance addressed as one of the limitations of the study. The authors concluded that as gender can shape experiences of both parenthood and grief; balanced gender sampling and accurate analysis is essential for research on 'parental perspectives'.
- > Vissers D, Stam W, Nolte T, Lenre M, Jansen J. [Efficacy of intranasal fentanyl spray versus other opioids for breakthrough pain in cancer](#). Curr Med Res Opin. 2010 May;26(5):1037-45. This review compared the efficacy of intranasal fentanyl spray (INFS), oral transmucosal fentanyl citrate (OTFC), fentanyl buccal tablet (FBT) and oral morphine (OM) for the treatment of breakthrough cancer pain (BTCP). Based on currently available evidence, INFS is expected to provide the greatest improvement in the treatment of BTCP.

New Project pages

Dementia Care Dialogues

The [Dementia Care Dialogues](#) project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing. It aims to improve communication in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs) between aged care staff and family caregivers about dementia and issues related to future care planning and palliative care. For further information please contact Sharon Andrews, Project Co-Coordinator: Sharon.andrews@utas.edu.au.

Palliative care for People at Home - Victorian Pilot Projects

Victoria has completed two pilot projects as part of the [Palliative Care for People Living at Home](#) program. Details and project reports on The Role of the Pharmacist in the Community Palliative Care Multidisciplinary Team are now included on the [Victorian Pilot Projects page](#).

CNIN July 2010

The July issue includes:

- > [Clinical Uses: Sleeping Problems](#)
- > [Evidence Based Practice: Do I need ethics?](#)
- > [CareSearch Page Profiles: Page Reviews](#)

CareSearch Nurses Hub

CareSearch is developing a [Nurses Hub](#) comprising webpages, resources and links to support all nurses caring for palliative patients in any setting of care. The work of the CareSearch Project Team responsible for developing the Hub is being overseen by the National Advisory Group, and assisted by a Nurses Hub Working Group comprising representatives from various nursing roles and backgrounds. Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA) is assisting with the formal review of the pages being developed as part of the hub. The Nurses Hub will be launched on 27 August 2010 to co-incide with the PCNA conference.

RESEARCH NEWS

Road Map II

NHMRC has launched [Road Map II](#). It is a strategic framework for improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through research.

MND Research Grants

Grant applications for [research into MND](#) for 2011 are now open. Grants-in-Aid applications can be for up to a maximum of \$100,000. A Bill Gole MND Postdoctoral Fellowship is directed towards postdoctoral scientists with a track record in areas of neuroscience related to motor neurone disease and provides salary for a full-time research fellow at \$75,000 pa for up to 3 years. Closing date for applications is 27th August 2010.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY?

National palliative care performance indicators (2008)

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released its [2008 performance indicators report](#). It outlines the extent to which palliative care agencies have met the four national performance indicators that were developed based on the goals and objectives of the National Palliative Care Strategy.

Quality of Death Index Report

The Economist Intelligence Unit has published the first ever global study on the quality of death, ranking 40 countries on their provision of end of life care. The [Quality of Death Index Report](#), commissioned by the Lien Foundation, provides a snapshot of end of life care, scoring countries on 24 indicators including access to hospice care, the level of government involvement and public awareness. The findings can also be accessed visually through the [Life before death website](#).

ICPCN Partnership Initiative

The International Children's Palliative Care Network (ICPCN) has published a [Guide to children's hospice and palliative care partnerships](#) to encourage links between people working in this field around the world.

Undergraduate Scholarships

The [Aged Care Scholarship Scheme: Undergraduate](#) is now open for applications until 10 September 2010.

End-of-life guidance document

Palliative Care Australia has released a [guidance document](#) on health system reform and care at the end of life. It presents a vision for the development of high-quality palliative and end-of-life care in Australia.

Roadmap to Reform

The Minister for Health and Ageing has released its [timeline and implementation map](#) for changes to the Australian health and hospital services.

Annual Evidence Updates

NHS Evidence has released its [2010 Annual Evidence Update in Complementary and Alternative Medicine](#). This includes new literature on

- > Homeopathy
- > Asthma
- > Acupuncture

State of Our Public Hospitals June 2010

The [2010 State of Our Public Hospitals](#) report is a detailed report card on public hospital performance in the 2008-09 financial year.



CONFERENCES

There are many international conferences that may be useful for education or experience, such as:

Conference: 13th World Congress on Pain
Date: August 29 - September 2 2010
Location: Montreal, Canada

Conference: 7th Biennial Joanna Briggs Colloquium
Date: September 13-15 2010
Location: Chicago, USA

Conference: 18th International Congress on Palliative Care
Date: October 5-8 2010
Location: Montreal, Canada

Conference: 14th Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists Scientific Meeting (14th PRCP)
Date: October 28-30 2010
Location: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

Conference: 14th World Pain Clinic Congress & 1st Asian Congress on Pain
Date: October 28-31 2010
Location: Beijing, China

Conference: International Multidisciplinary Forum on Palliative Care
Date: November 11-14 2010
Location: Budapest, Hungary

This is just a small selection of the conferences held on CareSearch [Conference page](#).

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Many services and organisations are making use of the CareSearch promotional materials and have ordered factsheets or brochures for staff, patients and for their families. Materials can also be ordered for education and training activities. You can view all the [CareSearch promotional resources](#) on the website and download an order form. All enquiries regarding our promotional materials can be directed to Natasha Schembri via email at natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au.

If you are faxing promotional orders to us, please make sure you use our new fax number.

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September Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Monday 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 natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au.



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