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nurses[HUB]news July 2011

The [July 2011 edition of the nurses\[HUB\]news](#) is now available.

CareSearch Review Collection

Twenty four systematic reviews and structured literature were added to the CareSearch Review Collection in July 2011. Many of these reviews formed the supporting evidence for updated opioid guidelines being developed by the European Palliative Care Research Collaborative. The full pain guideline will be published later this year. The 17 systematic reviews were published in a special issue of Palliative Medicine in July 2011 and included:

- > Bennett MI. [Effectiveness of antiepileptic or antidepressant drugs when added to opioids for cancer pain: systematic review](#). Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;25(5):553-9.
- > Mercadante S, Caraceni A. [Conversion ratios for opioid switching in the treatment of cancer pain: a systematic review](#). Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;25(5):504-15.
- > Radbruch L, Trottenberg P, Elsner F, Kaasa S, Caraceni A. [Systematic review of the role of alternative application routes for opioid treatment for moderate to severe cancer pain: an EPCRC opioid guidelines project](#). Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;25(5):578-96.
- > Kurita GP, Kaasa S, Sjogren P. [Spinal opioids in adult patients with cancer pain: a systematic review: a European Palliative Care Research Collaborative \(EPCRC\) Opioid Guidelines Project](#). Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;25(5):560-77.
- > Cherny N. [Is oral methadone better than placebo or other oral/transdermal opioids in the management of pain?](#) Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;25(5):488-93.

Other reviews added to the CareSearch Review Collection during July were:

- > Gijsberts MJ, Ehteld MA, van der Steen JT, Muller MT, Otten RH, Ribbe MW, Deliens L. [Spirituality at the end of life: conceptualization of measurable aspects-a systematic review](#). J Palliat Med. 2011 Jul;14(7):852-63.

- > Doug M, Adi Y, Williams J, Paul M, Kelly D, Petchey R, Carter YH. [Transition to adult services for children and young people with palliative care needs: a systematic review](#). Arch Dis Child. 2011 Jan;96(1):78-84.
- > Candy B, Jones L, Drake R, Leurent B, King M. [Interventions for supporting informal caregivers of patients in the terminal phase of a disease](#). Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Jun 15;6:CD007617.

CareSearch Grey Literature

This dataset includes abstracts of Australian conference presentations relevant to palliative care. They provide access to work in progress, areas of reflection and development, as well as work that may not be published in traditional avenues. The following three abstracts were presented at the recent Death Down Under Conference in Sydney.

- > Bloomer, Melissa; Cross, Wendy; Moss, Cheryle *Ethical challenges of conducting observational research involving dying patients and their families*
- > Moeke-Maxwell, Tess; Nikora, Linda Waimarie; Te Awekotuku, Ngahua *"Home" versus "Hospice": an ethnographic case study of three New Zealand Maori men's perceptions of home and identity during end of life*
- > Veitch, Craig; Harper, Sheila *When you're dying, you've got to change your way of looking at life*

To access these abstracts or other items from the [CareSearch Grey Literature](#), enter the author's name, the abstract title, or search terms that describe your interest.

Research Studies Register

Two new studies have been added in July 2011:

- > [Factors contributing to job satisfaction, dissatisfaction and burnout for oncology and palliative care nurses](#)
Birtles E, Swinbourne A
- > [What is the effect of transitioning hospice patients in the end stages of their life to residential aged care facilities?](#)
Jansen W, Crawford G, Clatworthy R

Searching study at PCA Conference

If you are going to the PCA conference, please make time to participate in our study on the effectiveness of the [palliative care search filter](#). Twenty minutes of your time will help us understand how health professionals search for palliative care literature. Click [here to register now](#) for the study or to find out more.

Hospital Liaison sheets

There are three related resources designed to help those working in a hospital palliative care liaison position. They can promote the website to generalist staff who come into contact with patients who have palliative care needs, and/or their carers and families.

- > [General poster for use in hospitals](#)
- > [Palliative care information for hospital health professionals](#)
- > [Information for Palliative Care Hospital teams or Liaison positions](#)

Life, Hope and Reality Survey

[Life, Hope and Reality](#) provides information for people with advanced cancer, their families, caregivers and friends. An online survey is seeking feedback from patients, carers and their families on the usefulness of these resources. Please make those living with advanced cancer aware of these resources and of the [evaluation survey](#).

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY?

COMPAC Guidelines

The Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting ([COMPAC Guidelines](#)) are now available. They were developed as a companion document to the Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care.

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National Palliative Care Consensus Statement

Palliative Care Australia (PCA) has released a [Consensus Statement](#) which aims to ensure the recognition of palliative care as a fundamental part of Australia's healthcare system.

RAC EoLCP

The [Residential Aged Care End of Life Care Pathway \(RAC EoLCP\)](#) was developed by the Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative as part of the Local Palliative Care Grants Program. The RAC EoLCP document is now licensed under a Creative Commons licence and is free to download.

Route to success: Nursing

The National End of Life Care Programme and the Royal College of Nursing have published [Route to success: the key contribution of nursing to end of life care](#), which highlights the key nursing contributions within the six steps of the end of life care pathway.

End of Life Care and Care Pathways in Victoria Project

The [End of Life Care and Care Pathways in Victoria Project](#) was undertaken by the Centre for Palliative Care. It provides recommendations and advice to the palliative and health care sectors on tools that may enhance the quality of care in the last days and hours of life.

WHAT'S NEW IN RESEARCH?

Human Research Ethics Portal

The NHMRC has introduced a [Human Research Ethics Portal](#). It contains information on the National Approach to Single Ethical Review (HOMER), including links to relevant information for HREC members, institutional staff, administrators and researchers.

Department of Veterans' Affairs Research

Applications are invited that address one or more of the [DVA Applied Research Program's](#) identified research priority areas. Closing date: Aug 17 2011.



CONFERENCES

Planning for 2012? There are already a number of conferences that have been scheduled. They include:

Conference: [Continuing Conversations: Updating professional practice in palliative care](#)

Date: March 22-23 2012

Location: Geelong, Victoria, Australia

Conference: [7th Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care](#)

Date: June 7-9 2012

Location: Trondheim, Norway

Conference: [ANZSPM 2012 Conference](#)

Date: September 4-7 2012

Location: Queenstown, New Zealand

Conference: [18th International Congress on Palliative Care](#)

Date: October 9-12 2012

Location: Montreal, Canada

You can find out more about what is happening with conferences by checking the [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 also order the new [Quality Use of CareSearch items](#).

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 caresearch@flinders.edu.au.

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September 2011 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Monday in September 2011. If you have any items you would like to have considered for inclusion, please send details one week prior to the circulation date to caresearch@flinders.edu.au.



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