



FROM THE WEBSITE

Quality Use of CareSearch

The first presentations and workshops on the [Quality Use of CareSearch](#) were held in Melbourne in April. The Quality Use of CareSearch is a special initiative to help us understand what (and how) users are looking for information and to create resources to help people use the CareSearch website and its resources. Further workshops are scheduled for Canberra and Sydney in May.

nurses[HUB]news

The April [nurses\[HUB\]news](#) is now available.

Visits, Page Views and Downloads

The first three months have seen a great deal of use of the CareSearch website and its resources. The table below shows the high level of visits, page views and downloads.

	January	February	March
Visits	42503	43777	53552
Page views	219144	274244	293458
Downloads	17829	22050	22382

CareSearch Grey Literature: Conference Abstracts

There are now over 4,000 items in this database. Major palliative care conferences are collected. In addition, where possible palliative care relevant abstracts presented at non-palliative care conferences are also included. Below are some examples of recent additions to the Conference Abstract section:

- > 5th Annual Conference "Hearts in Mind", Australasian Cardiovascular Nursing College, 2011
 - Education for patients with chronic heart failure workshop
Boyd, Mary; Peters, Robyn
Princess Alexandra Hospital, QLD
 - Consumer driven acute & supportive nurse practitioner role development within a chronic heart failure program
Gascard, Debra; Ravesi, Michelle; Hill, C
Southern Health, Clayton, VIC
- > 9th Annual Research Conference (CPCRE), Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education, 2010
 - Patient tracking pilot study - How can we improve the patient journey?
Connell, Shirley
Queensland University of Technology, Institute of Health and Biomedical Innovation, QLD

- Addressing the barriers to palliative care practice in neonatal nursing
Kain, Victoria
University of Queensland, School of Nursing and Midwifery, QLD
- Caring safely @ home: Development of a subcutaneous medication support package for laycarers
Healy, Sue; Israel, Fiona; Reymond, Liz; Charles, Margaret; Yates, Patsy
University of Sydney, Department of Psychology, NSW

If you are not sure how to search the database, there is a short training module, [Grey Literature](#).

CareSearch Review Collection

Twenty one reviews were added to the [CareSearch Review Collection](#) in April. They include:

- > Hall S, Kolliakou A, Petkova H, Froggatt K, Higginson IJ. [Interventions for improving palliative care for older people living in nursing care homes](#). Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Mar 16;3:CD007132.
The aim of this review was to see how effective palliative care interventions in care homes are, and to describe the outcome measures used in the studies. Only three suitable studies (735 participants) were found, all from the USA. Two of these studies found that palliative care improved some of the ways in which care was given in the care home, however, it was not clear if this resulted in better outcomes for residents.
- > Wyne A, Rai R, Cuerden M, Clark WF, Suri RS. [Opioid and benzodiazepine use in end-stage renal disease: a systematic review](#). Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2011 Feb;6(2):326-33. Epub 2010 Nov 11.
This review looked at the prevalence of opioid and benzodiazepine use among dialysis patients; reasons for use; effectiveness of symptom control; and the incidence of adverse events. The review found that prevalence of opioid and benzodiazepine use was variable, ranging from 5 to 36% (95% CI, 4.1 to 45.5%; n=10) and 8 to 26% (95% CI, 7.1 to 27.3%; n=9), respectively. Prevalence was positively correlated with years on dialysis.

> Seyidova-Khoshknabi D, Davis MP, Walsh D. [Review article: a systematic review of cancer-related fatigue measurement questionnaires](#). Am J Hosp Palliat Care. 2011 Mar;28(2):119-29. Epub 2010 Nov 4.

Cancer-related fatigue (CRF) is a common symptom experienced by patients in all stages and in cancer survivors. The main objectives of this review were to identify validated CRF instruments, and populations in whom these tools have been validated. 40 CRF instruments were identified. Validity and reliability varied by questionnaire.

> Knapp C, Woodworth L, Wright M, Downing J, Drake R, Fowler-Kerry S, Hain R, Marston J. [Pediatric palliative care provision around the world: A systematic review](#). Pediatr Blood Cancer. 2011 Mar 17. doi: 10.1002/pbc.23100.

This review examined the progress that has been made in providing paediatric palliative care and gaps that still exist in provision around the world. Understanding the geographic distribution in the level of provision is crucial for policy makers and funders.

> Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health. [Guideline on the assessment and treatment of Delirium in older adults at the end of life](#). Toronto: Canadian Coalition for Seniors Mental Health; 2010. An extensive literature review was conducted to support this process. The review supported the development of recommendations for health care providers working with older adults with or at risk of developing delirium and approaching the end of life.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY?

PCEHR – The personally controlled eHealth record

The national blueprint for the development of e-health records is now available for comment. The [e-health records framework](#) is now available for comment at <http://yourhealth.gov.au> until 31 May 2011.

New international health research register

[PROSPERO](#) is a new online facility that registers systematic reviews for research about health and social care from all around the world. The register is free and open to the public. It was started by the UK National Institute for Health Research.

New AIDS resources

The UK Consortium on AIDS and International Development has released two new reports

> [Care and Support: the forgotten pillar of the HIV response](#)

> [The roadmap to universal access to HIV care and support by 2015](#)

Changes to PBS: April 2011

Oxycodone controlled release (OXYCONTIN): The amount that can be prescribed without an authority has been increased from 20 (10 days supply) to 28 (14 days supply). There are no other changes to the indication for this medication. All details can be found in the [PBS Website Update - 1 April 2011](#).

ANZSPM educational forums 2011

Additional [educational forums](#) have been scheduled for June and July. They include "Communication with Patients and Family at the End of Life" and "Gastrointestinal Symptoms."

National Palliative Care Week 2011

National Palliative Care Week 2011 runs from 23 to 28 May this year. Palliative Care Australia has announced that the theme for NPCW 2011 is Let's have a chat about dying.

RESEARCH NEWS

National Research Workforce Strategy

The [National Research Workforce Strategy](#) intends to strengthen the research workforce to 2020 and beyond given expected shortfalls in the supply of research-qualified people. The report makes particular reference to the need to strengthen the representation of women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the research workforce.

Getting Started in Research

The Scottish Partnership for palliative care has produced [A beginner's guide to successful palliative care research](#). This useful document provides basic guidance for health and social care professionals on how to begin to engage in palliative care research.



CONFERENCES

If you're already planning 2012, there are several international conferences you may wish to consider.

Conference: [6th World Congress World Institute of Pain](#)

Date: February 4-6 2012

Location: Miami Beach, Florida, USA

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

Date: June 7-9 2012

Location: Trondheim, Norway

Conference: [15th World Congress of Pain Clinicians](#)

Date: June 27-30 2012

Location: Granada, Spain

Conference: [19th 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 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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June 2011 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Monday in June 2011. If you have any item 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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