



## FROM THE WEBSITE

### CareSearch Review Collection

In August, 18 reviews were added to the Review Collection including:

- > van Lonkhuijzen L, Thomas G. [Palliative radiotherapy for cervical carcinoma, a systematic review](#). *Radiother Oncol*. 2011 98(3):287-91.  
The authors noted a lack of information to guide selection of an optimal palliative radiation schedule for treatment of patients with advanced cervical cancer. Studies using validated endpoints are needed to measure specific symptom relief as well as accompanying quality of life.
- > Gijsberts MJ, Echteld 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.  
The aim of this study was to conceptualize spirituality using domains of instruments measuring spirituality in end-of-life populations identified in a systematic review. The authors found 36 articles that met the inclusion criteria. Nine instruments with adequate content validity were used to identify dimensions of spirituality.
- > Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (2011) [Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting — Best practice guidelines for the Australian context](#). Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, Canberra.  
The Guidelines for a Palliative Approach for Aged Care in the Community Setting (the Guidelines) were developed as a companion document to the Guidelines for a Palliative Approach in Residential Aged Care. They aim to inform practitioners providing palliative care to older people in the community, including general practitioners, community nurses and organisations providing support for people being cared for at home.

### Finding your way around CareSearch

CareSearch has many pages on different topics related to palliative care. There may be information in several different parts of the website. The palliative care community is made up of many different groups, each with distinct information needs. Summary pages help users find what they need in a single spot. We now have summary pages for the following:

- > [Allied health](#)
- > [Carer? Caring for someone?](#)
- > [Children and palliative care](#)
- > [Indigenous resources](#)
- > [Living in the country?](#)
- > [Multicultural and other languages](#)
- > [Researchers](#)
- > [Residential aged care](#)
- > [Students](#)
- > [Support agencies](#)

### nurses[HUB]news August 2011

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

### CareSearch Grey Literature

This dataset includes abstracts of Australian 'grey' literature 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 are from 'grey' palliative care reports.

- > Horsfall, Debbie; Noonan, Kerrie; Leonard, Rosemary *Bringing our dying home: How caring for someone at end of life builds social capital and develops community*
- > Lienert, Tania; Cartwright, Colleen; Beck, Katherine *The experiences of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people around end-of-life care*
- > Cartwright, Colleen; Lienert, Tania *Respect my decisions IT'S MY RIGHT!*

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.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY?

### Generic brand of fentanyl patches (Denpax) PBS listed

New [fentanyl patches \(Denpax\)](#) are available on the PBS from 1 August 2011. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee recommended listing Denpax on a cost-minimisation basis, as it is equivalent in efficacy and cost compared with the existing brand, Durogesic.

### Labour force 2009

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has released summary information on:

- > [Medical labour force 2009](#)
- > [Nursing and midwifery labour force 2009](#)

### Quality environments for care at end of life

The National End of Life Care Programme and The King's Fund have published the latest guide (UK) in the 'Route to Success' series. [Route to success: achieving quality environments for care at end of life](#) identifies a number of key environmental principles to help improve privacy and dignity for patients and relatives.

### EBPAC/EBPRAC Evaluation

The [National Evaluation Report](#) for Rounds One and Two of the Encouraging Better Practice in Aged Care (EBPAC) Initiative, formerly Encouraging Best Practice in Residential Aged Care (EBPRAC) is now available.

### Indigenous communication resource

The [Byalawa website](#) is an innovative Indigenous online teaching resource that aims to improve communication between health professionals and Indigenous people.

### Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation & Reform Strategy

The development of Health Workforce Australia's [Rural and Remote Health Workforce Innovation & Reform Strategy](#) will provide national guidance on future needs, reforms and initiatives to improve the health care services of those in rural and remote communities. A consultation phase will be conducted throughout September and October 2011 in 19 metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations.

## WHAT'S NEW IN RESEARCH?

### NHMRC Guideline Development Standards

The NHMRC's new [Procedures and requirements for meeting the 2011 NHMRC Standard for clinical practice guidelines](#) (2011 NHMRC Standard) sets out the quality process Australian guideline developers need to follow to produce a world-class resource.

## RESEARCH NEWS

### Encouraging Better Practice in Aged Care (EBPAC) Initiative - Funding Round Three

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from health-related organisations to conduct evidence translation projects that [promote sustainable evidence-based practice in Australian Government-subsidised residential and/or community aged care services](#). Closing date: Sept 30 2011.

## NEW RESOURCES ON CARESEARCH

### Caring Safely at Home Project - Queensland

The purpose of this Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA)-funded [Caring Safely at Home \(CSAH\) project](#) was to enhance the ability of lay caregivers to manage subcutaneous medications, thereby assisting palliative patients to access timely symptom management. Project details and the project resources are now available on CareSearch.



## CONFERENCES

During September there are a number of Australian conferences of interest to palliative care.

Conference: [Inaugural SolarisCare Symposium](#)

Date: September 16 2011

Location: Perth, WA

Conference: [ACAP 4th Annual Conference](#)

Date: September 19 2011

Location: Sydney, NSW

Conference: [Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses \(CATSIN\) 13th Annual Conference](#)

Date: September 21-23 2011

Location: Brisbane, QLD

Conference: [Dementia Collaborative Research Centres](#)

Date: September 22-23 2011

Location: Sydney, NSW

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](mailto:caresearch@flinders.edu.au).

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

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### October 2011 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Monday in October 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](mailto:caresearch@flinders.edu.au).



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