



FROM THE WEBSITE

CareSearch Presentations at PCA

There were several presentations associated with the CareSearch project at the PCA Conference which can now be viewed online. They were:

- > [A 'Quality Use of CareSearch' project](#)
- > [How do we know we make a difference? Evaluation of the nurses\[HUB\]](#)
- > [Sexuality and gender diversity: Implications for palliative care](#)
- > [The CareSearch Heart Failure Filter and PubMed Topic Searches](#)

How do YOU look for palliative care information online?

If you work with palliative care patients, on either a regular or occasional basis, we are interested in finding out how you go about looking for trustworthy palliative care information online. We would also like to know your thoughts on the CareSearch [Palliative Care PubMed Searches](#), which are a handy shortcut to journal literature on a range of palliative care topics. Your feedback will provide us with a means of evaluating the quality of the searches and their ongoing relevance to the palliative care community. We therefore invite you to take part in [an online survey](#), developed as part of a Flinders University research project. This survey will be available until 31 October 2011 and should take you less than 10 minutes to complete. Further information on this research project is available [here](#).

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project Number 5284). For more information regarding ethical approval of the project contact the Executive Officer on 8201 3116, by fax on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au.

nurses[HUB]news September 2011

The [September 2011 edition](#) of the nurses[HUB]news is now available. The topic for this month was carers, covering:

- > Nurses in the Spotlight: Letitia BurrIDGE
- > Discussion Starter: Case Study
- > Clinical Uses: Carers
- > EBP: Clinical Trials Registries

CareSearch Review Collection

In September 2011, 16 reviews were added to the Review Collection, including:

- > Howell DA, Shellens R, Roman E, Garry AC, Patmore R, Howard MR. [Haematological malignancy: are patients appropriately referred for specialist palliative and hospice care? A systematic review and meta-analysis of published data.](#) *Palliat Med.* 2011 Sep;25(6):630-41. Twenty-four studies were identified, of which nine were suitable for inclusion in the meta-analysis to examine the proportion of patients with haematological malignancies that received any form of specialist palliative or hospice care. The authors noted that patients with haematological malignancies were far less likely to receive care from specialist palliative or hospice services compared to other cancers.

- > Gorecki C, Closs SJ, Nixon J, Briggs M. [Patient-reported pressure ulcer pain: a mixed-methods systematic review.](#) *J Pain Symptom Manage.* 2011 Sep;42(3):443-59. Epub 2011 Mar 27.

The aim of this review was to identify and synthesize all research that obtained verbal patient reports of PU-associated pain. Ten studies were included and the pressure ulcer pain experience was mapped.

- > Hodges LJ, Walker J, Kleiboer AM, Ramirez AJ, Richardson A, Velikova G, Sharpe M. [What is a psychological intervention? A metareview and practical proposal.](#) *Psychooncology* 2011 May;20(5):470-8.

This metareview involved a review of existing reviews to identify what is meant by a 'psychological intervention' in the context of cancer care. The authors noted that they were unable to find an explicit definition of this term. They argued for greater focus on specified domains of the interventions, namely content, proposed mechanism, target outcome, and methods of delivery in reviews.

CareSearch Grey Literature

The following three abstracts are from one of the non-indexed journals that CareSearch indexes, *Grief Matters*:

- > Wogrin, Carol
Caring for ourselves as we care for the bereaved
- > Rubin, Simon Shimshon;
Malkinson, Ruth
Minding the gap in Israel: Working within and between cultures to identify barriers to grief and mourning
- > Doka, Kenneth J; Martin, Terry L
Grieving styles: Gender and grief

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?

Guidance for ethical management of people in the final months of life

The framework, [Guidelines for the ethical management of people with advanced chronic or terminal conditions in the final months of life](#), published by NHMRC, is intended for health professionals and has been designed to guide deliberations over ethical aspects of providing care at the transition phase of a patient's journey through an advanced chronic or terminal condition, including cancer. A consumer guide, *Living Well with an Advanced Chronic or Terminal Condition: How Ethics Helps* has also been produced.

PBS: New Listings and Changes 1 September 2011

The following [Pharmaceutical Benefits changes](#) have been made to the PBS website:

5265D Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 1.28 mg (releasing approximately 12 micrograms per hour) (Denpax)

5437E Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 2.063 mg (releasing approximately 12 micrograms per hour) (Fenpatch 12)

5438F Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 4.125 mg (releasing approximately 25 micrograms per hour) (Fenpatch 25)

5439G Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 8.25 mg (releasing approximately 50 micrograms per hour) (Fenpatch 50)

5440H Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 12.375 mg (releasing approximately 75 micrograms per hour) (Fenpatch 75)

5441J Fentanyl, Transdermal patch 16.5 mg (releasing approximately 100 micrograms per hour) (Fenpatch 100)

Treats chronic severe disabling pain not responding to non-narcotic analgesia. The PBAC recommended Denpax® on a cost-minimisation basis to Durogesic® fentanyl patches (March 2011) and Fenpatch® in November 2009. Denpax®, Fenpatch® and Durogesic® are considered equivalent for the purposes of substitution.

Cancer pain assessment and management

ImPaCCT, a NSW Clinical Trials Collaborative, is conducting [a survey of current practice](#) regarding assessment/management of cancer pain and use of guidelines. Physicians, nurses and other health professionals working in Primary Care, Oncology, Palliative Care and other relevant specialties are invited to complete the survey.

Residential aged care statistics 2009-2010

This report, [Residential aged care in Australia 2009-10: a statistical overview](#), provides comprehensive statistical information on residential aged care facilities, their residents, admissions and separations, and residents' dependency levels.

Queensland Community Education Initiative

[Your Death Your Choice Community Education Initiative](#) is a collaborative project of Palliative Care Queensland and Cancer Voices Queensland. The initiative includes two key events, both of which take place during the week of World Hospice Day 2011.

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON SAFETY AND QUALITY IN HEALTH CARE IS UNDERTAKING CONSULTATION WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING A NATIONAL SET OF PRACTICE-LEVEL INDICATORS OF SAFETY AND QUALITY FOR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

Practice-level indicators of safety and quality for primary health care: Consultation paper

The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is undertaking consultation with the aim of developing a [national set of practice-level indicators of safety and quality for primary health care](#). Comments on the candidate set of indicators, their relevance and usefulness for local quality improvement at the service or practice-level can be made until 25 October 2011.

A Time to Remember

This [annual fundraising event](#) is run by Care Beyond Cure, a joint foundation of major SA palliative care services and organisations. Coming together with family, friends and work colleagues can create a lasting memory and help celebrate the life of someone special.

New good practice guide

The National End of Life Care Programme (UK) has published a good practice guide for both prison staff and health and social care professionals on [achieving quality in prisons and for prisoners](#).

National Lead Clinicians Group Established

Dr Russell Sitz will chair the new [National Lead Clinicians Group](#), which will provide advice to the Minister of Health and Ageing on priorities and strategies to improve patient care.

National Carer Strategy

The new [National Carer Strategy](#) that responds to the needs of carers, and helps to ensure carers have the opportunity to take part in all aspects of society is now available.

WHAT'S NEW IN RESEARCH?

National Quality Dementia Care Initiative: Round 2

Alzheimer's Australia is calling for applications to the second funding round of the [National Quality Dementia Care Initiative](#). The objective of the funding round is to support projects that draw upon existing evidence to achieve broad improvements in the quality of dementia care across Australia in areas of specific concern to consumers. Closing date is 4 November 2011.

Dementia Scholarships

Alzheimer's Australia Research is offering a number of postgraduate [Dementia Scholarships](#):

- > AAR Postgraduate Research Scholarships in Dementia
- > Resthaven Inc. Postgraduate Scholarship - Quality in Dementia Care
- > Viertel Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Dementia

Applications for Postgraduate Scholarships close on 31 October 2011.

Economic benefits of health and medical research - a discussion paper

This [discussion paper](#) produced by the National Health and Medical Research Council focuses on the economic benefits to Australia from public investment in health and medical research.



CONFERENCES

There are a number of palliative care conferences that will be held in Australia in 2012, including:

Conference: [2nd Whole Person Care National Symposium](#)

Date: March 21-22 2012

Location: Sydney, New South Wales

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

Date: March 22-23 2012

Location: Geelong, Victoria

Conference: [CNSA 15th Winter Congress](#)

Date: July 26-28 2012

Location: Hobart, Tasmania

Conference: [ANZSPM 2012 Conference](#)

Date: September 4-7 2012

Location: Queenstown, New Zealand

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.

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

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November 2011 Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Monday in November 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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