

**CareSearch Project**  
**Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma**

**0004**

**Study Title:** Integration, coordination and multidisciplinary care – Findings from the literature

**Brief description of the study:** Integration, coordination and multidisciplinary care are topical concepts in the provision of primary care. The purpose of this research is to undertake a systematic literature review to explore the concepts of these terms in primary care and to explore the effectiveness of these approaches for different groups, specifically, aged, palliative and chronic populations.

The review approach involved an initial scoping study to refine the concepts and possible data sources. From this there was a refinement of the review protocol to focus on a series of specific illuminating reviews including three reviews on sentinel conditions within the chronic population to represent different phases of risk and need, a review of multidisciplinary teams and frail aged care, and a review dealing with case conferencing in palliative care.

**Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)**

	Epidemiology
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
	Mixed Method
<b>x</b>	<b>Systematic Review</b>
	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

**Project details:**

Funding source (Optional): APHCRI **Stream Four Funding**

Has the study received ethics approval?		Yes		No	<b>X</b>	Not applicable
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Project starting date: **September 2005**

Project completion date: September 2006

Multi site:	<b>X</b>	Yes		No		Not applicable
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**Associated publications / reports:**

**TOPICS: Palliative Care Team**

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