

CareSearch Project		Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma		0006			
Study Title: Palliative Nursing in Residential Aged Care							
Brief description of the study: Little research has addressed the perspectives of Registered Nurses (RNs) who provide palliative care to residents with life-limiting illnesses living in aged care facilities in Australia. Interviews with Directors of Nursing (DONs) and RNs who have experience in providing palliative care in residential aged care facilities (RACFs) will help to identify their main concerns, what kind of support they receive or need from administrators, what they think about quality palliative care practice, and how they achieve nursing professionalism through engaging in palliative care practice in RACFs. Information from this study will help to clarify key issues in palliative care practice in RACFs and will provide a previously unavailable foundation for future research. In particular, it will provide a framework for investigating key determinants of quality palliative care for residents with life-limiting illnesses living in RACFs.							
Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)							
	Epidemiology						
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement						
x	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive						
	Mixed Method						
	Systematic Review						
	Intervention: RCT						
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study						
	Intervention: Case series						
Project details:							
Funding source (Optional):							
Has the study received ethics approval?		x	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: May 2006							
Project completion date: June 2008							
Multi site:			Yes	x	No		Not applicable
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Associated publications / reports: Nil							
Topic – Aged Care Facility – Aged Care Worker							