

<b>CareSearch Project</b>			
<b>Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma</b>		<b>0034</b>	
<b>Study Title:</b> 'Decision-making frameworks in advanced dementia: links to improved care'.			
<b>Brief description of the study:</b> Previous research undertaken by Chang et al has revealed the need to provide infrastructure and decision-making support to nurses in residential aged care facilities to improve care for people with advanced dementia. In particular, four symptoms - pain, constipation, weight loss and agitation/confusion diminish the quality of life of the person with advanced dementia, and cause distress to their carers. This project will use action research to develop, implement and evaluate decision-making frameworks for nurses and professional carers, based on best-practice evidence or expert opinion, which nurses can use to alleviate the symptoms and improve the care of people with advanced dementia.			
<b>Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)</b>			
	Epidemiology		
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement		
	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive		
x	Mixed Method		
	Systematic Review		
	Intervention: RCT		
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study		
	Intervention: Case series		
<b>Project details:</b>			
Funding source (Optional): Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing Local Palliative Care Grant Funding Round Three.			
Has the study received ethics approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Project starting date: May 2006			
Project completion date: April 2009			
Multi site:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
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<b>Associated publications / reports:</b>			
<b>Topics: Dementia, Aged Care facility</b>			