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**Study Title: Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration**

**Brief description of the study:** Palliative Care Outcomes Collaborative (PCOC) is a national voluntary quality initiative established to assist palliative care services across Australia improve practice and meet the 'Australian National Standards for the Provision of Palliative Care'.

One of the primary aims of PCOC is to develop and support national benchmarking activities that will contribute to improving palliative care outcomes for patient care. This will be achieved by enabling palliative care services to collect consistent patient related information (a set group of data items) to measure nationally agreed outcomes for palliative care.

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

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

**Project details:**

Funding source (Optional): Department of health & Ageing				
Has the study received ethics approval?	<b>X</b>	Yes	No	Not applicable
Project starting date: June 2005				
Project completion date: June 2009 (ongoing funding likely)				
Multi site:	<b>X</b>	Yes	No	Not applicable

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