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CareSearch Review Collection

There were thirteen systematic reviews added to the CareSearch Review Collection during April 2010 including:

- > Johnston B, McGill M, Milligan S, McElroy D, Foster C, Kearney N. [Self care and end of life care in advanced cancer: literature review](#). Eur J Oncol Nurs. 2009 13(5):386-98.
This review sets out to find out what is known about how people experiencing end of life care manage their illness themselves, in the advanced stages of their disease. The review identifies various ways nurses can empower patients to self care related to oncology.
- > Harris DG, Noble SI. [Management of terminal haemorrhage in patients with advanced cancer: a systematic literature review](#). J Pain Symptom Manage. 2009 38(6):913-27
Terminal haemorrhage in advanced cancer patients is extremely distressing for patients, their families, and health care professionals when it does occur. A systematic literature search identified 3,564 initial citations of which 18 were included in the final review. Key areas arising from the literature were 1) identifying patients at risk, 2) general supportive measures to use, and 3) use of sedative medication.
- > Hales S, Zimmermann C, Rodin G. [The quality of dying and death: a systematic review of measures](#). Palliat Med. 2010 24(2):127-44.
The purpose of this paper is to identify quality of dying and death measurement tools and to determine their quality. Eighteen measures met the selection criteria. Six were published with some description of the development process and 12 were developed ad hoc. Less than half were based on an explicit definition of quality of dying and death.

- > Wu HL, Volker DL. [The use of theory in qualitative approaches to research: application in end-of-life studies](#). J Adv Nurs 2009 65(12):2719-32.
Nurse researchers turn to theory to conceptualize research problems and guide investigations, however they do not consistently articulate how theory has been applied. This review analysed the use of theory in qualitative approaches to research as exemplified in qualitative end-of-life studies.
- > Mitchell BL, Mitchell LC. [Review of the literature on cultural competence and end-of-life treatment decisions: the role of the hospitalist](#). J Natl Med Assoc. 2009 101(9):920-6
This review looked for associations between cultural (racial/ethnic, spiritual/religious) competence and end-of-life treatment decisions in hospitalized patients and the potential impact of those associations on hospitalists' provision of care. In only 13 studies was spirituality/religion or race/ethnicity used to study its effect on end-of-life decisions in hospitalized patients.

Share your knowledge for International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day will be celebrated on 12 May 2010. Nurses are a vital part of the palliative care team providing care to patients and their families. We would like to invite palliative care nurses to share their knowledge with newcomers to this area. In 150 words tell us what you'd like to share with the next generation of nurses working in palliative care. We'd like to include all the stories in the Nurses Hub which will be released later this year. The two best entries will each win a prize of books and chocolates and be published in the May CNIN edition. Email your short piece to caresearch@flinders.edu.au by 10 May 2010 to share your knowledge and have a chance to win the prizes.

CNIN April 2010

The CareSearch Nurses Information Newsletter for April 2010 is now available.

This month's issue includes:

- > [Clinical Uses: Constipation](#)
- > [Evidence Based Practice: Health Literacy](#)
- > [CareSearch Page Profile: Acronyms and Abbreviations](#)

Previous newsletters and all the CNIN topic sheets can be found on the [CNIN page](#).

WHAT'S NEW IN THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY?

Prostate Cancer, Depression and Anxiety program broadcast

Three national health agencies, beyondblue, the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and the Rural Health Education Foundation have joined forces to raise awareness of depression and anxiety in men with prostate cancer and their partners. An accredited education program for health professionals on [Prostate Cancer, Depression and Anxiety](#) will be broadcast on 18 May across the Rural Health Education Foundation's satellite network of more than 660 sites, and will be repeated on 21 May.

Annual Evidence Update: Pain in supportive and palliative care

The 2010 [Annual Evidence Update: Pain in supportive and palliative care](#) has been released in the NHS Evidence Specialist Collections.

DURING NATIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK 2010, PALLIATIVE CARE AUSTRALIA IS ENCOURAGING ALL AUSTRALIANS TO TALK A LITTLE MORE ABOUT DYING AND DEATH.

National Palliative Care Week: 23 – 29 May 2010

During [National Palliative Care Week 2010](#), Palliative Care Australia is encouraging all Australians to talk a little more about dying and death. A number of resources will be available during National Palliative Care Week, including a postcard and poster set which highlight the theme.

New Canteen Publication 'Now What?'

Canteen has recently released 'Now what? Living with the death of your parent or brother or sister from cancer', a free booklet which addresses the issues of bereavement and grief, providing information, support and advice across a range of areas that can impact on a young person whose family member has died of cancer. To order a copy, phone 1800 669 942 or visit www.nowwhat.org.au.

New CEO for Palliative Care Australia

Dr Yvonne Luxford has been appointed as the new [Chief Executive Officer for Palliative Care Australia](#). She will commence her role in early May.

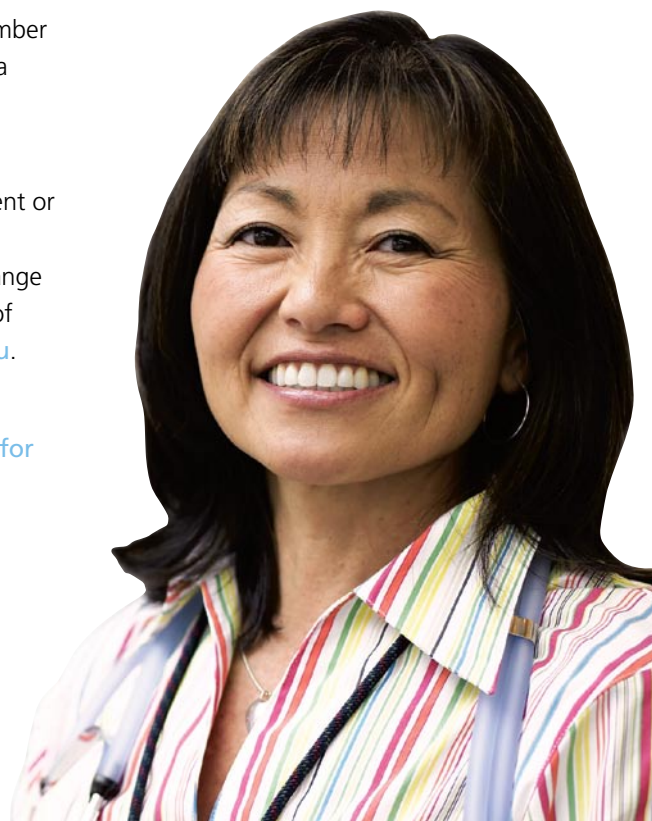
RESEARCH NEWS

Expressions of interest - Australian Research Integrity Committee

The Australian Research Integrity Committee (ARIC) is being jointly established by National Health and Medical Research Council and the Australian Research Council as a national advisory body that will review processes by which universities and other research organisations have handled allegations of research misconduct. NHMRC and ARC have called for [expressions of interest for the Australian Research Integrity Committee](#).

NHMRC Program Grant scheme

The aim of the [Program Grants scheme](#) is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broad based, multi-disciplinary and collaborative research activities. Applications for funding to commence in 2012 are now open. Closing date 1 June 2010



CONFERENCES

There are many international conferences that may be of interest and relevance to palliative care. They include:

- Conference: Centre for Death and Society Annual Conference
Date: June 9 2010
Location: Bath, England
- Conference: 6th Research Forum of the European Association for Palliative Care
Date: June 9-12 2010
Location: Glasgow, Scotland
- Conference: 6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health
Date: June 28 - July 2 2010
Location: Dublin, Ireland
- Conference: XVIII International Aids Conference
Date: July 18-23 2010
Location: Vienna, Austria
- Conference: ITAC 2010 Smart Aged Care - The E-Health Revolution
Date: July 26-27 2010
Location: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- Conference: 13th World Congress on Pain
Date: August 29 - September 2 2010
Location: Montreal, Canada
- Conference: 7th Biennial Joanna Briggs Colloquium
Date: September 13-15 2010
Location: Chicago, USA

This is just a small selection of the conferences held on CareSearch [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 view all the [CareSearch promotional resources](#) on the website and download an order form. All enquiries regarding our promotional materials can be directed to Natasha Schembri via email at natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au.

June Newsletter

The next newsletter will be circulated on the first Wednesday in June. If you have any item you would like to have considered for inclusion please send details one week prior to the circulation date to natasha.schembri@flinders.edu.au.



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