Improving the Nation-wide outcomes for children and families supported by Paediatric Palliative Care: A National Quality of Care Collaborative

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AIMS
To promote high quality PC provided to children in close proximity to their home through education initiatives, evaluation and research.

Methods
Mixed methodology study. Phases:
1. Baseline learning needs/capability
2. Educational initiatives and evaluations (Perspectives)
3. Consumer & Health Clinician Engagement (Perspectives)

RESULTS
(at 13 July 2016)
117 sessions
2292 participants
PPC-CT results: many capabilities requiring further assistance in the initial, supportive and end of life phases.

Participants
Health care professionals, (medical, nursing and allied health) and parents /carers who supported children requiring palliative care (from rural, regional and remote settings)

Perspectives
- Discovery Interview methodology (Ethics Approval)
- Families, Health Professionals & Clinical Educators
- Trained interviewers
- HREC approval & a small number of interviews completed with HealthClinicians/Educators.

Conclusions or Future Outcomes
- LNA and PPC-CT results will influence areas for further development (education modules & supervisory supports).
- On-line surveys access from remote settings may be limited.
- Collaboration of PPC services providing education in a planned & coordinated way shows promise in increasing National capacity for PPC
- Consumer feedback will inform future education initiatives
- Thereby assisting to achieve the goals of the National Palliative Care Strategy 2010.
- LEGACY: Website / iPhone app / Education modules

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