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Study Title: Integrated Mental Health and Palliative Care Task (IMhPaCT)

Brief description of the study: This project, through the development and evaluation of a triage tool along with the use of validated case conferencing, aims to increase access of palliative care for mental health clients as well as establish a consistent approach towards the care of people with both a severe persistent mental illness (SPMI) mental illness and a life limiting illness. A key element in this process is an integrated working relationship between mental health and palliative care services and includes access to mental health data bases for the palliative care service. Another aim is increasing the mental health knowledge base of palliative care clinicians and palliative care knowledge base of mental health services through workshops, observation of assessment processes and access to educational programs provided through both services.

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

	Epidemiology
X	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

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Department of Health and Ageing, Round 5 Local Palliative Care Grants

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: **28 June 2010**						
Project completion date: **30June 2011**						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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