INFORMATION SHEET (part B)

Title: Views and experiences of Allied Health professionals about palliative care

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Description of the study:
This study is part of the project entitled Views of Allied Health professionals about the
CareSearch Allied Health Hub and newsletter, and about their knowledge and
understanding of palliative care.

CareSearch (www.caresearch.com.au) is a website that aims to provide a “one stop shop
of information and practical resources that serves the needs of those providing, or
affected by, palliative care”. CareSearch has been developed by a team from Palliative
and Supportive Services at Flinders University, is funded by the Commonwealth
Department of Health, and was formally launched in May 2008.

In September 2013 CareSearch (with Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA)
Executive Officer participating) launched a ‘hub’ of information and resources targeted
specifically at Allied Health professionals working with patients receiving palliative care.

Purpose of the study:

This project aims to find out your understanding and views about palliative care, of its
relevance to your practice, and of your palliative care clinical information and education
needs.
What will I be asked to do?
You are invited to complete an online survey. Participation in the survey is voluntary. This should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. You do not have to answer any question that you don’t want to, and you are free to withdraw at any time without prejudice.

What benefit will I gain from being involved in this study?
You will be able to find out about the palliative care resources on the CareSearch website that have been specifically developed for Allied Health professionals. You will also be able to help to provide CareSearch and the palliative care sector with a baseline of the current knowledge and information needs of Allied Health professionals. This will contribute to the future development of targeted resources about palliative care.

Will I be identifiable by being involved in this study?
We do not need your name and you will be anonymous.

Are there any risks or discomforts if I am involved?
None have been identified.

How do I agree to participate?
You indicate your agreement clicking on the link and participating in the survey

How will I receive feedback?
A summary of the study outcomes will be featured in the Allied Health Hub newsletter

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet and we hope that you will accept our invitation to be involved.

This research project has been approved by the Flinders University Social and Behavioural Research Ethics Committee (Project number 7014) For more information regarding ethical approval of the project the Executive Officer of the Committee can be contacted by telephone on 8201 3116, by fax on 8201 2035 or by email human.researchethics@flinders.edu.au