

# CareSearch: The work that we do

## ENSURING YOUR 24/7 ACCESS TO THE BEST AVAILABLE EVIDENCE

Palliative care covers many diseases and uses different treatments to address physical, emotional, social, spiritual and other needs.

Finding the best available evidence is difficult and time consuming because:

- ▶ The number of studies has grown exponentially in the past decade
- ▶ The literature covers numerous topics, journals and databases
- ▶ There is lack of consistent terminology and descriptions
- ▶ Relevant studies are not always listed as palliative care
- ▶ Some questions are difficult to answer

### What we do:

- ▶ Identify and screen over 500 systematic reviews per month
- ▶ Add over 40 systematic review studies per month
- ▶ Update over 40 webpages per month
- ▶ Add over 40 reports, guidelines and conference abstracts to the grey literature per month
- ▶ Promote our website and resources

### Why we do this:

- ▶ To highlight the latest findings
- ▶ To synthesise new implications of certain treatments and interventions to patients and services
- ▶ To provide access to current areas for further research

## BUILDING CAPACITY BY CONNECTING THE WORKFORCE TO EDUCATION

CareSearch helps to build capacity and understanding through palliative care education.



## SUPPORTING THE PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY

CareSearch works with many organisations and programs in Australia.



## STRENGTHENING PALLIATIVE CARE RESEARCH IN AUSTRALIA

Research is essential for improving the quality of palliative care.



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