

CareSearch: Overview

What is CareSearch?

- CareSearch *palliative care knowledge network*
More than webpages
- Online resource
 - Information
 - Functions
 - Databases
- Designed for those providing care and those receiving care
- Funded by Australian Government under the National Palliative Care Program



CareSearch, palliative care knowledge network

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Welcome to CareSearch. CareSearch is an online resource of palliative care information and evidence. All materials included in this website are reviewed for quality and relevance.

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What is Palliative Care



For Patients and Families



Finding Services



Clinical Practice



Finding Evidence



Education



Research Resources



Professional Groups



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Basic Purposes

- Consolidate and develop evidence base
- Facilitate access to evidence and quality information
- Encourage use of evidence in palliative care
- Support interactions

Network uses a range of activities and strategies to achieve these objectives

Overview of Network

- Information
 - Content pages
- Functions
 - Research Data Management System
 - Palliative care search filter
 - PubMed Search topics
 - Intranet/Forums
- Databases
 - Grey Literature Database
 - CareSearch Review Collection
 - Research Studies Register

Functions

- Palliative care filter
- PubMed Search Topics
- Research Data Management System
- Intranets and Forums

Palliative Care Filter

- Experimentally developed search strategy (Known effectiveness)
- Iteratively improved
- Translated to other databases/syntax
- Applications
 - Retrieval for project content across 4 bibliographic databases
 - Ovid Medline
 - CINAHL
 - PsycINFO
 - Embase
 - Embedded in automated PubMed Searches

PubMed Search Topics

- Validated PubMed variant of palliative care filter
- Combined with expert topic searches
- Choice of evidence level, free full text
- Benefits
 - Immediacy
 - Currency

Research Data Management System

- Supports generation of research evidence
- Enables multisite trials
- Also being used for local level studies and feedback surveys
- Features
 - Online creation of surveys and data forms
 - Entry from anywhere in Australia or the world is possible
 - Online data entry by participant or by a study nurse
 - Audit trails
 - Internal first level analysis
 - Export to Excel

<http://www.caresearch.com.au/caresearch/ResearchResources/ResearchDataManagementSystem/tabid/129/Default.aspx>

Intranets and Forums

- Forums enable communication
 - Can be registered or open
 - Moderated
- Intranets
 - Shared working space for project or research groups
 - Store common work documents
 - Calendar
 - Can be linked to an online teleconferencing facility

CareSearch Databases

- CareSearch Grey Literature
- CareSearch Review Collection
- Research Studies Register

CareSearch Grey Literature

- Access to “hard to find” literature
- Australian context
- 4 sets of resources
 - Conference abstracts
 - Theses
 - Non-indexed Australian journals
 - Government and organisational grey

CareSearch Review Collection

- Compilation of reviews with a described search strategy and analysis
- Sourced from 4 bibliographic databases and internet search/snowballing
- Organised by palliative topic (e.g. dyspnoea, bereavement)

Research Studies Register

- In progress Australian research and completed Australian studies
- By researcher and by topic

Additional Facilities

- Automated email distribution for project groups
- Auto alerts from pages
- RSS feeds/Podcasts/Video/Captivate
 - Keeping people in touch and up to date
 - Online educational capacity

Engaging with CareSearch

- Page content is open access, freely available
- RDMS and intranets/forums free for Australian researchers conducting research in palliative care
- Submit research studies to Register

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