CareSearch: Online evidence resources for palliative care researchers

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CareSearch is an Australian palliative care website which brings together a unique set of resources for researchers

- Literature searches on palliative care topics
- Access to the “grey literature”
- Abstracts and posters from past palliative care conferences
- A research data management platform
- A palliative care research register
- Information on research grants and conferences
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.

For Patients, Caregivers, and Families & Friends:
Palliative care will affect all of us at some stage in our lives as a patient, carer, family member, neighbour or friend. The following resources may help.

For Health Care Providers:
There are different disciplines and professions involved in providing palliative care. These resources provide information and resources for health care professionals.

For Researchers and Palliative Specialists:
Palliative care researchers and palliative care specialists may benefit from a range of specific resources and tools, including:

What’s new on the site... CareSearch promotional materials... Indigenous Resources... click for more...
What’s new in the Palliative Care Community... Communicating prognosis guidelines... NIMRC National Statement... Information Sessions... click for more...
Have you heard?... CareSearch visitor numbers and community feedback...

By using this site you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of this site...
Up to date palliative care information which is:
- Quality assured – evidence based
- Independent
- Developed by Australian palliative care specialists
- Available at www.caresearch.com.au
Literature searches

- The palliative care literature can be difficult to access
- Effective searching allows us to find the literature in both the key palliative care journals and other sources
- Preloaded searches are available on palliative care topics using validated search strategies
In the “Finding Evidence” menu select search strategies
Then choose between Ovid and Pubmed searching

Click on your topic

And select the evidence level you want (RCTs, systematic reviews)
TOPICS INCLUDE....

Advance directives
Anorexia
Bereavement
Cachexia
Care planning
Complementary therapies
Constipation
Cost benefit analysis of palliative care
Delirium/confusion
Depression
Dyspnoea
Economics of palliative care
Euthanasia
Nausea
Pain
Palliative sedation
Resuscitation orders
Spirituality
Sexuality
Support for staff
Terminal care
Volunteering
Vomiting
• Much palliative care literature doesn’t progress from conference abstract to published literature
• Other important evidence is contained in government reports, academic theses, and other documents not indexed in Medline and other literature collections

This is the grey literature
You can search for the grey literature in the *Non-Indexed databases* of CareSearch
The Research Data Management platform is a data management system which is available online for Australian palliative care researchers

- *Design questionnaires that can be completed online, or printed out for later data entry*
- *Facilitates multisite studies – all use the same online system*
Free to access – just register your study with CareSearch
The *Research Register* contains a listing of ongoing and completed palliative care research projects.
Australian research projects and studies in Palliative Care

CareSearch has developed this database as a register of Australian research projects and studies in palliative care. The register provides a means of sharing information, developing linkages, preventing duplication and promoting awareness of current research activities. You can filter the research projects by researcher, by study methodology or by topic using the links below.

We invite all Australian researchers to provide information on their current research activities which have received funding or ethics approval to the CareSearch project for inclusion in this database. To include your research, save the Registration Proforma to your computer, fill in the details and email it to CareSearch@rhhsa.gov.au.

Follow this link to download Research Studies Proforma

View research studies listed by methodology

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Research studies register

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Aged care facility

Decision making frameworks in advanced dementia: links to improved care

Palliative Care Dementia Interface: Enhancing Community Capacity

Palliative Nursing in Residential Aged Care

Residential - Palliative Approach Competency Study (R-PAC Study)

Aged care worker

Palliative Nursing in Residential Aged Care

Cancer and cancer services

An Audit of the Incidence, Mechanism, Aetiology and Management of Nausea and Vomiting in Patients at a Comprehensive Cancer Centre

An International Multi-centre Validation Study of a Pain Classification System for Advanced Cancer Pain

Assessing the Impact of 'Catastrophizing' on the Measurement of Pain Intensity in Cancer Patients
Be part of the palliative care research community

- Think about registering your study on the CareSearch Research Register

- The eligibility criterion is: *if your study required ethics approval*
Other CareSearch content which may be of interest:

- **Web-based education modules**
- **Clinical content – for GPs and palliative care providers**
- **Information for patients, carers, families and friends**
- **Resources and information regarding the National Palliative Care Program**
In May 2008, CareSearch will become CareSearch *palliative care knowledge network*

With new evidence summaries for key clinical topics which will continue to be updated automatically

If you have any feedback about CareSearch or any questions or comments, you can contact the team via the website link.
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