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Study Title: Improving paediatric palliative care for rural and remote families: a randomised controlled pilot study of videotelephony

Brief description of the study: To determine whether videotelephony is an effective means of improving the support provided to regional and remote families receiving paediatric oncology palliative care from a metropolitan hospital

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

	Epidemiology
	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
	Mixed Method
	Systematic Review
X	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Royal Children's Hospital Foundation

Has the study received ethics approval?	X	Yes		No		Not applicable
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Project starting date: 1/8/2006

Project completion date: 1/8/2007

Multi site:		Yes	X	No		Not applicable
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