Study Title: The development of a model of care for Haematology and Palliative Care

Brief description of the study: The project builds on a program of research initiated by NH&MRC post-doctoral fellowship examining issues in relation to haematology. The prior research documented problems at the interface of cure and palliation in haematology from the consumer’s perspective. The present study seeks to address the problems caused by the lack of integration of palliative care in haematology through the development of an effective model of care for palliation in this diagnostic category.

The present project seeks to build a model of care based on consultation with a multi-disciplinary range of professionals through in-depth interviews and surveys, and consumers through case studies. The outcome will be a thoroughly researched model for integrating palliative care into haematology that includes both the professional and consumer perspective and address the central questions - 1. What is? 2. What works? 3. What is needed?

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

| Epidemiology            |
| x Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement |
| x Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive |

Mixed Method

Systematic Review

Intervention: RCT

Intervention: Comparative or cohort study

Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): NH&MRC

Has the study received ethics approval?  x Yes  | No  | Not applicable

Project starting date: 2005

Project completion date: 2006

Multi site:  x Yes  | No  | Not applicable

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Topics: Haematological malignancy, General aspects of palliative care service delivery