**Study Title:** Assessing the Impact of ‘Catastrophizing’ on the Measurement of Pain Intensity in Cancer Patients.

**Brief description of the study:** This study aims to examine how ‘catastrophizing’ influences pain measurement in the cancer patient population. ‘Catastrophizing’ has been significantly researched in the subject of pain but has yet been studied in cancer pain. We seek to recruit 100 consecutive inpatients with cancer who are referred to the Pain and Palliative Care Service at Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

**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
- Intervention: RCT
- Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
- Intervention: Case series

**Project details:**

- Has the study received ethics approval? Yes
- Project starting date: October 2006
- Project completion date: May 2007
- Multi site: Yes

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**Associated publications / reports:**

**Topics:** Cancer and cancer services: Pain and its treatment