**Study Title:** Informing the development of a model of care for patients with end stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): what are their care needs and are they being met?

**Brief description of the study:** Currently there is no specific model of care for people with end stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), despite growing evidence of the specific symptoms and issues of this patient group. Interviews with end stage COPD patients and their carers will be undertaken to explore the services currently being accessed, and how well patients’ needs are being met by these services. This project will conduct an audit of available services in SA and then examine how hospital, specialist palliative care units and primary care services (including general practice) can interface to meet these identified patient and carer needs. The results from this study will be used to inform development of a distinct model (or models) of care that addresses the needs of patients with end stage COPD.

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

- Epidemiology
- 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): NHMRC
- Has the study received ethics approval? **X** Yes  No  Not applicable
- Project starting date: 1/1/2009
- Project completion date: 31/6/2010
- Multi site: **X** Yes  No  Not applicable

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