

CareSearch Project		0089	
Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma			
Study Title: How do GPs provide palliative care in rural and remote Queensland?			
Brief description of the study: With an ageing population, the number of deaths from cancer in Australia is expected to rise. A likely flow-on is an increased need for palliative care. We know that in the absence of palliative specialists, rural GPs are pivotal to the provision of this care. However, research indicates they may have limited specialist support and facilities. Research also tells us caring for palliative care patients can be very rewarding for rural GPs. We need to know the realities – what works, what isn't working, what could be improved. Our hope is that the knowledge we gain will help identify strategies which will enhance outcomes for palliative care patients			
Study Methodology: (Please mark with an x which type of study methodology)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Epidemiology		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Method		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Systematic Review		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intervention: RCT		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Intervention: Case series		
Project details:			
Funding source (Optional): PHCRED, Novice Research Fellowship			
Has the study received ethics approval?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Project starting date: January, 2009			
Project completion date: December, 2009			
Multi site:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
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Associated publications / reports: 2009 GP and PHC Research Conference presentation http://www.phcris.org.au/conference/2009/index.php			
Topics (Admin only) Doctors, Rural, remote and other locality issues			