**Study Title:** What factors influence the use of advance directives by Baby Boomers in South Australia?

**Brief description of the study:** The aim of this study is to understand the personal, physical, psychological, social and historical factors that influence decision-making by Baby Boomers to contemplate, complete or reject making advance directives for future healthcare needs. The study is being conducted using grounded theory to eventually generate a theory about the usefulness of these instruments in the future for this age cohort.

**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): No financial scholarships. Only Commonwealth supported place.
- Has the study received ethics approval? **X** Yes
- Project starting date: November 2007
- Project completion date: Possibly Feb 2011 but may rollover to PhD so will go longer.

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