**Study Title:** Delirium prevalence, incidence and implications for screening in specialist palliative care inpatient settings: a systematic review.

**Brief description of the study:** The aims of this study were to: (1) examine delirium prevalence and incidence in specialist palliative care inpatient settings; (2) describe how delirium cases were identified and established in relevant epidemiological studies; and (3) discuss the significance of the results to the implementation of routine delirium screening in specialist palliative care inpatient units. The study aims were achieved using a systematic review of the literature reporting delirium epidemiology in palliative care inpatient settings.

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

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**Project details:**

- Funding source (Optional): 
- Has the study received ethics approval? Yes, No, **x** Not applicable
- Project starting date: June 2011
- Project completion date: April 2012
- Multi site: Yes, No, **x** Not applicable

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