**Study Title:** Living and dying at home in rural Australia: the district nursing role of advocacy

**Brief description of the study:** A mixed methods study of district nurses working in rural Australia has been carried out to explore their understanding and experience of successful advocacy for the end-of-life goals of rural Australians. The findings from written experiences and interviews with rural district nurses in Victoria were tested and complemented with a survey distributed to rural home care nursing services nationwide. The results from the phases of study will be integrated and compared to the advocacy literature to develop a model of district nursing end-of-life advocacy with recommendations for practice, research management, policy and education

**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:**

- Funding source (Optional): La Trobe University Post Graduate Research Scholarship
- Has the study received ethics approval? **Yes**
- Project starting date: 25/05/2014
- Project completion date: 30/05/2016
- Multi site: **Yes**

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**Topics (Admin only)** Nurses; Rural and remote