## Study Title: End of life care for patients with dementia in hospital

**Brief description of the study:** This qualitative study explores how caregivers of patients with dementia who died at Monash Medical Centre Clayton experienced end of life care service provision. This project aims to fill a gap in knowledge around current end of life care practices for patients with dementia and their caregivers in hospital. The participant group will be a) Bereaved caregivers (family or otherwise) of patients diagnosed with dementia who died during an episode of acute care under the General Medical Unit at Monash Medical Centre Clayton b) The health care professionals (Doctors, nurses, social workers, etc.) who had contact with the caregivers during the end of life care period c) Senior management and professional identities within medicine, nursing and social work who are considered to have expert or specialised knowledge around end of life and dementia care. Data collection will be through semi structured interviews. Complexity theory is the underpinning epistemology framing this research issue.

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

- Epidemiology
- Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
- Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive **X**
- Mixed Method
- Systematic Review
- Intervention: RCT
- Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
- Intervention: Case series

### Project details:

- Funding source (Optional):
  - Has the study received ethics approval? **X** Yes  No  Not applicable

- Project starting date: August 2015
- Project completion date: April 2020

- Multi site: **X** Yes  No  Not applicable

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**Associated publications / reports:**

**Topics (Admin only) Site of care: Hospitals; Dementia**