### Study Title:
Achieving needs-based end of life services: a prospective, longitudinal study of the pathways for patients with Stage 3-5 Chronic Kidney Disease

### Brief description of the study:
This project aims to determine how patients with Stage 3-5 Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) interact with health services, particularly those associated with meeting health and supportive care needs at end of life and to ascertain how patients perceive their symptoms, experiences with health services, quality of life, and supportive care needs. This prospective, longitudinal observational study will collect data at regular intervals from multiple sources for a 12 month period or until death. Recruitment is underway. The objectives for the study are to: 1. Describe patients demographic and clinical characteristics, experiences with health services, quality of life, supportive care needs, utilisation of primary health care (General Practitioners and community), renal (including general medical), palliative and emergency services over time 2. Identify triggers and barriers to referrals and access to Specialist Palliative Care Services 3. triggers to the use of emergency services 4. Identify associations between patient-reported perceptions of their experiences with health services, quality of life and supportive care needs to their utilisation of health services.

### 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): NHMRC

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### Associated publications / reports:

### Topics (Admin only)
Care Pathways, Needs Assessment, Chronic Conditions