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Study Title: Palliative Nursing in Residential Aged Care

Brief description of the study: Little research has addressed the perspectives of Registered Nurses (RNs) who provide palliative care to residents with life-limiting illnesses living in aged care facilities in Australia. Interviews with Directors of Nursing (DONs) and RNs who have experience in providing palliative care in residential aged care facilities (RACFs) will help to identify their main concerns, what kind of support they receive or need from administrators, what they think about quality palliative care practice, and how they achieve nursing professionalism through engaging in palliative care practice in RACFs. Information from this study will help to clarify key issues in palliative care practice in RACFs and will provide a previously unavailable foundation for future research. In particular, it will provide a framework for investigating key determinants of quality palliative care for residents with life-limiting illnesses living in RACFs.

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):

Has the study received ethics approval?	**x**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: May 2006						
Project completion date: June 2008						
Multi site:		Yes	**x**	No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports: Nil

Topic – Aged Care Facility – Aged Care Worker