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Study Title: A study to assess the grief experienced by Registered Nurses and Care Aides who work in community palliative care and to identify suitable strategies for support

Brief description of the study: This study will explore and describe the impact of multiple deaths on RN's and CA's working in community palliative care. Currently, there are no evidence-based grief and bereavement support protocols available for use by palliative care health professionals in either the in-patient or the community setting in Australia. Health care organisations report on the difficulties of attracting and retaining experienced staff to work in the area of palliative and cancer care and consider that the emotional load associated with this work may provide some explanation for this problem. A comprehensive grief and bereavement support protocol will be developed based on the study findings.

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: (Stage 1 is qualitative, Stage 2 is quantitative)**
	Systematic Review
	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Edith Cowan University Industry Collaboration Grant

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: December 2005						
Project completion date: December 2006						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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