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Study Title: Development of a statewide coordinated specialist and generalist palliative medicine training program

Brief description of the study:

A preliminary analysis of medical workforce planning data from Victoria indicated that at present there are insufficient palliative medicine specialists practicing in Victoria to meet current service needs, future training of practitioners and expansion of services and accreditation requirements of the Royal College of Physicians. This project will address the lack of specialist palliative care physicians in the long term by focusing on the current inadequate recruitment of specialist trainees and providing a region wide focus on specialist training. A suitable model of palliative care medical support that addresses future workforce issues will be developed for medical palliative care practitioners located in health services, community health centres and stand alone non-government palliative care services.

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

	Epidemiology
X	**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): Victorian Government Department of Human Services

Has the study received ethics approval?		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable
Project starting date: July 2007						
Project completion date: Initially July 2009 - Ongoing						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports: Progress Update. Coordinated specialist and generalist palliative medicine training program - December 2009

Victorian statewide palliative medicine training program (update Nov 2010)

Topics: Planning and Managing Palliative Care Services, Educ & Training, Doctors