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Study Title: Liverpool care pathway project

Brief description of the study:

The Liverpool Care Pathway for the Dying Patient (LCP) was developed in the U.K specifically to transfer the hospice model of care into other care settings. The LCP comprises guidelines based upon a multidisciplinary evidence-based, best practice framework for end of life care. The implementation of the LCP has met with mixed success in Australian acute hospitals. This project will involve the implementation of these guidelines into one such facility (St Vincent's Hospital) with a formal qualitative and quantitative evaluation of the factors which both facilitate and impede its adoption.

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): Victorian Government Department of Human Services

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: December 2007						
Project completion date: December 2008						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports:

Topics: Clinical Service Delivery, Settings of Care