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Study Title: The relevance of music for adolescents and young adults (15-25 years) diagnosed with cancer

Brief description of the study: Grounded theory informed research on the role of music in the lives of people, 15-25 years old, diagnosed with cancer.

Background: There is scant research examining useful psychosocial supports for young people with cancer (Palmer et al, 2007). Given the widely reported significance of music in young people's lives, it is important to examine the musical behaviours and attitudes amongst those who have cancer. Understanding their musical lives should provide insight into the self help or deleterious aspects of those behaviours.

Methodology: Young people, aged 15 to 25 years, who are diagnosed with life threatening cancer, will be invited to complete a short structured Music Demographic Questionnaire and experience an audio-recorded open ended interview. The interview will inquire about the relevance of music in their lives. Data will be analysed according to the comparative analysis method (Corbin & Strauss, 2008) to identify representative themes, and qualitative inter-rater reliability will be included.

The findings may help others, including families and health workers, to provide resources, and to create age appropriate programs and guidelines that extend music's helpfulness in adolescents' lives when they have cancer. Sharing this knowledge about music's effects may also inspire other adolescents with cancer to explore ways that music may help them.

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 Palliative Care Post Doctoral Fellowship

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

Project starting date: late 2008

Project completion date: end 2009						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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