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Study Title: Older women's experiences of widowhood in the first twelve months following bereavement

Brief description of the study: The death of a spouse propels an individual into a new life phase, often without preparation, guidelines, or accompaniment. Decreased wealth in older age, compounded by the experience of grief and bereavement, put women at increased risk of chronic conditions, both physical and psychological. This study will explore the impact of widowhood on health and wellbeing and how best to foster this transition to promote coping and adjustment within the context of contemporary Australian society. Outcomes will be the development of a conceptual model to promote adjustment of recently bereaved women and development of preparatory interventions to assist transition to widowhood.

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

	Epidemiology
X	Health Services / Health Economics / Quality Improvement
X	Qualitative, Observational or Descriptive
X	Mixed Method
	Systematic Review
	Intervention: RCT
	Intervention: Comparative or cohort study
	Intervention: Case series

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): National Health and Medical Research Council

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 1/1/2009						
Project completion date: 31/12/2011						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports:

Topics (Admin only) Bereavement, Family