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Study Title: The Supportive Care Needs Survey for Partners and Caregivers of Cancer Survivors: Development and Psychometric Evaluation

Brief description of the study: The purpose of this study was to describe the development and begin psychometric testing of a novel tool designed to capture the multi-dimensional needs of partners/caregivers of individuals diagnosed with cancer: the Supportive Care Needs Survey - Partners and Caregivers (SCNSP&C). The SCNS-P&C was completed by 481 partners/caregivers of a population based sample of patients diagnosed with various types of cancer recruited through the New South Wales and Victorian cancer registries. Principal component analysis revealed five factors accounting for 67% of the total variance: '*Health care professional and health services needs'*, '*Psychological and emotional needs'*, '*Communication and interpersonal needs'*, '*Information needs'*, and '*Legal and financial needs'*. In addition, three of the five items not loading on any particular factor were grouped together to form the '*Daily living needs'* domain. Cronbach's alpha coefficients for the six domains ranged from 0.74-0.96. The SCNS-P&C can be used by researchers and clinicians to evaluate partners'/caregivers' unmet needs, prioritise health care resources, and tailor supportive cancer care services.

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): Cancer Council NSW and Hunter Medical Research Institute

Has the study received ethics approval? As part of the Partners and Caregivers Study	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date:						
Project completion date:						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Caregivers, cancer and cancer care	