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**Study Title: STrategies to decrease pain thrOugh implementing a dual clinical PAIN PATHway. Stop Pain Path Phase 1**

**Brief description of the study**:

This project will develop and test methods for implementing clinical practice guidelines for cancer pain. Pain is experienced by up to 75% of people with cancer and rated as moderate to severe by 40-50%; severe by 25-30%. Pain has been identified as undertreated and a priority area for improvement by the Cancer Institute NSW and the National Institute of Clinical Studies (NICS). There is evidence that implementation of evidence-based guidelines for pain can improve outcomes in people with cancer. However, the 2010 National Pain Summit's Cancer Pain and Palliative Care Working Group found that no guidelines have been widely adopted for cancer pain in Australia. Clinical pathways that give precise instructions on how to implement guidelines along with a framework for evaluation have proven useful in international studies. This project will develop the first clinical pathway for cancer pain in a cross-sector capacity in Australia. Using methods called "environmental scanning" and "clinical process mapping", this project will assess barriers and facilitators to pain assessment and management and test the feasibility of a dual clinical pathway that has components both for physicians/nurses and patients/families to help guide them along the journey of pain management. HammondCare's Greenwich Hospital will be the development site for this innovative project which will inform future implementation of best practice across Australia.

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

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| | 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:**

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| Funding source (Optional): University of Technology Sydney | | | | | | |
| Has the study received ethics approval? | **X** | Yes | | No | | Not applicable |
| Project starting date: **01/03/2012** | | | | | | |
| Project completion date: **28/02/2013** | | | | | | |
| Multi site: | | Yes | **X** | No | | Not applicable |

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| **Associated publications / reports:** | |
| **Topics (Admin only): Pain, Knowledge Translation** | |