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Study Title: **Facilitating discussions on advance care planning in caregivers of cancer patients using the vignette technique (part 1 of 2 part study)**

Brief description of the study: This study examines how the caregivers of Australian cancer patients consider advance care planning (ACP). It is the second part of a two part study examining patients' and caregivers' responses. Findings will inform the development of an Australian Cancer Centre's ACP programme. A constructivist research approach with grounded theory design is being applied. Approximately eighteen adult caregivers of patients from lung and gastro-intestinal tumour streams will participate. Participants first will describe their initial understanding of ACP, received ACP information, and either complete a semi-structured interview or participate in a focus group. The ACP discussions will be assisted by the vignette technique. Qualitative inter-rater reliability will be integrated in the data analysis.

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): Department of Health Victoria						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: October 2012						
Project completion date:						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Advance Directives, Caregivers	