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Study Title: Facilitating discussions on treatment preferences and advance care planning in cancer patients using the vignette technique

Brief description of the study: This study examines how Australian cancer patients consider advance care planning (ACP). It is the first 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 was applied. Eighteen adults from lung and gastro-intestinal tumour streams participated. Participants first described their initial understanding of ACP, received ACP information, and finally completed a semi-structured interview assisted by the vignette technique. Qualitative inter-rater reliability was integrated during 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:	March 2012					
Project completion date:	October 2012					
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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