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Study Title: The Praecox Program: Development of a national program to support neonatal palliative care in the clinical area.

Brief description of the study: In a recent palliative care enquiry by the Australian senate, the lack of a neonatal palliative model of care was highlighted for the first time. Babies die too, and in Australia, approximately 4 out of every 1000 infants die before their first birthday. This is equal to almost 1200 deaths across Australia each year.

This purpose of this study is to address the lack of a standardised, consistent and evidence based approach to the provision of neonatal palliative care in Australia. The study is a collaborative project, with significant support from industry partners.

This study is timely, given the significant activity in moving neonatal palliative care forward as a national agenda for improving neonatal care.

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

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

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): awaiting outcomes						
Has the study received ethics approval?		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable
Project starting date: January 2013						
Project completion date: Jan 2014						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports:
Topics (Admin only) Paediatric palliative conditions