CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0114

Study Title: How lay carers regard and use the Internet as a source of support information

Brief description of the study: This study used focus groups to explore the views of lay carers of people with non-malignant chronic life-limiting illnesses regarding their perceptions of and experiences with online resources for carers. Although motivated, these carers identified challenges with getting started, making progress and navigating well to the information they need. For carers, the process lacks simplicity, and they would benefit from clearer guidelines and person-mediated support.

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): CareSearch						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: November 2011						
Project completion date: June 2012 (final report)						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports: An exploration of lay carers' views regarding the internet as a source of support information in supportive care. Final Report, 2012. Primary and Palliative Care Research Group, Centre for Primary Care Research, The University of Queensland.
Topics (Admin only) Caregivers, Online/Web based