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Study Title:
End of Life Care in an Urban Emergency Department: Optimising the care delivered for patients when death occurs in emergency departments.

Brief description of the study: This is a 2 phase project.

Phase 1: A medical chart audit to describe the physical experiences, and the health care delivered to, an individual whose death occurs in an urban Emergency Department in NSW.
Phase 2: Semi-structured interviews with ED staff to identify opportunities for local and system based quality improvement interventions in relation to end-of-life care and decision making in an Emergency Department.

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):

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes (Phase 1)	**X**	No (Phase 2)		Not applicable
Project starting date:	Phase 1: August 2010		Phase 2: January 2013			
Project completion date:	Phase 1 = Aug 2011		Phase 2: December 2013			
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports:

Topics (Admin only) Settings of Palliative Care, Quality Improvement