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Study Title: Last days of life linkage study: Patterns of health services use and experiences of NSW residents in the year prior to death (NSW end-of-life study).

Brief description of the study:

The aim of this data linkage study is to describe patterns of health services use and experiences of residents of New South Wales (NSW) during the year prior to their death. This retrospective population-based record linkage study will shed light on the experiences of the whole population nearing the end-of-life, and these data will provide an epidemiologic foundation for subsequent studies that examine people being referred to palliative care but also, more broadly, explore the "processes" of care.

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

X	Epidemiology
	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): Cancer Institute NSW

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: July 2012						
Project completion date: Mid- 2013						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports:

Topics (Admin only) Settings of Palliative Care, Health Service Use