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Study Title: Expectations and barriers in the ambulance service and palliative care interface							
Brief description of the study: Paramedics play an important role in out-of-hospital health care. They provide unscheduled care, assisting both patients with minor injuries and those experiencing life-threatening emergencies. Increasingly, paramedics are called on to manage chronic and complex health needs, including symptom relief for patients at the end of life. However, paramedics may not be well prepared to offer palliative care, as practice guidelines and education tend to focus on the management of acute medical emergencies and major trauma. Emergency medical services that employ paramedics rarely have practice guidelines or protocols that deal specifically with palliative 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:							
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Has the study received ethics approval?		x	Yes		No		Not applicable
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Multi site:		x	Yes		No		Not applicable
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