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Study Title: A systematic review of patient report of deathbed phenomena

Brief description of the study:

The aim of this study was to systematically review the literature on deathbed phenomena (DBP), and provide suggestions for a clinical response to dying patients' recounts of these hard-to-explain phenomena. Rather than simply dismissing DBP as medication related or the physiological effects of dying, the significance of these events and the comfort afforded by them to patients and carers should be recognised. Disclosure of DBP may enable health professionals to discuss more spiritual and existential concerns, which have the potential to offer hope, meaning and connection. We propose strategies and approaches for strengthening compassionate clinical practice in this area.

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

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

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Nil						
Has the study received ethics approval?		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable
Project starting date: 2012						
Project completion date: 2013						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports: Deathbed phenomena reported by patients in palliative care: clinical opportunities and responses, *International Journal of Palliative Nursing 2015, Vol 21, No 2. http://www.magonlinelibrary.com/toc/ijpn/current*
Topics (Admin only):