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Study Title: National Specialist Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning Advisory Services Project (Decision Assist)

Brief description of the study:

Decision Assist: A program to help deliver palliative care and advance care planning in residential and community aged care. This will help to meet a vital need as the population ages. Delivered by a consortium including Austin Health, Aged and Community Services Australia (ACSA), the Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine, CareSearch, Leading Age Services Australia (LASA), Palliative Care Australia, Qld University of Technology, and the University of Qld. The program includes:

• A **national telephone advisory service** - **1300 668 908** - for GPs and aged care staff to call for advance care planning advice (8am - 8pm) and palliative care advice (24/7)

• An **aged care training program** for aged care staff to enhance their palliative care and advance care planning expertise (comprises e-learning and free workshops throughout Australia until December 2015)

• An **education package for GPs** on palliative care and advance care planning for the elderly (being delivered in collaboration with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine)

• A **Linkages Project** to strengthen links between palliative care and aged care

• **Easily accessible information** on palliative care and advance care planning for the elderly through a website - www.decisionassist.org.au - and other technological innovations. This includes online modules, videos and web-based broadcasts to enhance access to clinical guidance

• **Evaluation** of existing resources and the impact of the decision assist program. For further information, visit www.decisionassist.org.au

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:						
Funding source (Optional): Australian Government						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 1/7/2013						
Project completion date: 30/6/2016						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable
Researchers						
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Associated publications / reports:						
Topics (Admin only): Aged, Advance directives, Aged care facilities						