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Study Title: The VOICE Study: Valuing Opinions, Individual Communication and Experience: Building the evidence base for undertaking patient-centered family meetings in palliative care: A mixed methods study

Brief description of the study: PRIMARY OBJECTIVE (i) To determine the acceptability and feasibility of providing routine Patient-Centred Family Meetings in a specialist inpatient palliative care unit. SECONDARY OBJECTIVES (i) To better understand the benefits and burden of participating in a Patient-Centred Family Meetings from the patient, family and clinician perspectives; (ii) To assess the suitability of the selected outcome measures to demonstrate improvement in health care outcomes and benefits for all participants; (iii) To inform the development of a future phase III Randomised Control Trial (RCT).

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

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

Project details:

Funding source (Optional): Australian Government, DIISR Collaborative Research Network University of Notre Dame

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 2014						
Project completion date: 2017						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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