CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0159

Study Title: Retrospective medical record audit and analysis of the clinical journeys of 100 consecutive deaths for any oncology patient at St. George Hospital

Brief description of the study: The study will focus on the clinical journey of patients who separated from an inpatient episode as a result of their death. Using an audit methodology the study will retrospectively explore the clinical experiences of a cohort of 100 cancer patients to identify elements of best practice currently occurring and opportunities for improvement based on current evidence. Aims: The aims of this study are: a) to undertake a retrospective medical record audit of the clinical journey of 100 consecutive deaths for any oncology patient at St. George Hospital, b) to obtain preliminary information on the characteristics of the end of life journey for the patient and c) to describe the frequency of interventions identified as best practice standards for palliative and end of life 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:

Funding source (Optional): Cancer Institute NSW

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 2014						
Project completion date: 2015						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Cancer, Professional and service issues

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