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Study Title: Bereavement Counselling Outcome Assessment Tool (The BOAT Study)

Brief description of the study: The BOAT project aims to develop a reliable outcome assessment tool for bereavement counselling whereby clients can self-assess the efficacy of their counselling. The project is at its fourth phase. Phase 1 included a literature review to understand what research/tools already existed to self assess bereavement counselling. Phase 2 utilised a phenomenological approach to conduct focus groups with clients who had completed counselling with Calvary Bereavement Counselling Service in Sydney, Australia. Telephone interviews were held with bereavement counsellors working within diverse contexts, nationally. Phase 3 drew on data from Phase 1 and 2 to develop a counselling assessment tool that was piloted with 20 clients who had used Calvary Bereavement Counselling Service. Phase 4 aims to continue to imbed reliability into the tool through face validation. 50 ex clients of the service will be recruited to the project. Telephone interviews will be held to ask specific questions about the tool in terms of the ease with which they were able to complete it and any particular changes they would like to see in the tool that will contribute to face validation.

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

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

Project details:

Funding source (Optional):						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 2015						
Project completion date: 2016 or until data saturation						
Multi site:		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Bereavement, grief and loss