CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0168

Study Title: Effect of supportive engagement through MOOC participation on death awareness and death attitudes.

Brief description of the study: In 2016, CareSearch is running a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) which will provide an opportunity for participating members of the general public in Australia to openly and supportively discuss, or learn more about, issues around living and dying and palliative care. There is little known about Australian attitudes to death and dying and about the role of online environments in discussions around death and dying. We are seeking to develop an understanding of the contribution that this form of online MOOC engagement and activity could have on people's attitudes to death and whether perspectives towards death are related to quality of life and what is seen to be important or meaningful in their life. Additionally we will conduct content analysis and frequency analysis of participant's submissions to MOOC activities, and analyse this in relation to the sociodemographic characteristics of participants.

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):						
Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: June 2016						
Project completion date: December 2017						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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