CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0172

Study Title: Costs of Care Search Resource

Brief description of the study: CareSearch undertook the development of a guided searching resource to assist health professionals, researchers, service managers, policymakers, funders and others to find quality evidence about the costs of palliative care, from a range of diverse information sources. Existing search filters were investigated for their performance in conjunction with the Palliative Care Search Filter, i.e. their capacity to retrieve relevant information in this area, and the CADTH Narrow Economic Search Filter identified as most appropriate. The resource contains:

- Searches in PubMed for general economics and costs of care literature relating to palliative care (using search filters)
- Expert searches in PubMed for costs of palliative care from the perspective of individuals and families
- Expert searches in other bibliographic databases including economics databases for relavant literature
- Expert searches in general web searching tools like Google
- Links to key journals and online education sources for the field.

Searches are published as direct links to dynamic real time results, wherever possible.

The resource has been widely promoted through social media and at conferences. It will also be used as a model to develop similar costs of care searching resources in other fields including bereavement and dementia.

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 Department of Health

Has the study received ethics approval?		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable	

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Project completion date: October 2015						
Multi site:		Yes	X	No		Not applicable
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Associated publications / reports: journal article has been submitted; conference abstract (for rapid presentation) has been submitted						
Topics (Admin only) costs of care; palliative care; literature searching; search filters; evidence based practice						

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