CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0176

Study Title: Living and dying at home in rural Australia: the district nursing role of advocacy

Brief description of the study: A mixed methods study of district nurses working in rural Australia has been carried out to explore their understanding and experience of successful advocacy for the end-of-life goals of rural Australians. The findings from written experiences and interviews with rural district nurses in Victoria were tested and complemented with a survey distributed to rural home care nursing services nationwide. The results from the phases of study will be integrated and compared to the advocacy literature to develop a model of district nursing end-of-life advocacy with recommendations for practice, research management, policy and education

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): La Trobe University Post Graduate Research Scholarship

Has the study received ethics approval?	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable
Project starting date: 25/05/2014						
Project completion date: 30/05/2016						
Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Associated publications / reports: District Nurse advocacy for choice to live and die at home in rural Australia: a scoping study, by Frances M Reed, Les Fitzgerald and Melanie Rae Bish, Nursing Ethics 2015, Vol. 22(4) 479-492. **Mixing Methodology, nursing theory and research design for a practice model of district nursing end-of-life care, Frances M Reed, Les Fitzgerald and Melanie Rae Bish, Nurse Researcher January 2016 Vol. 3(3), 37-41.** **Rural district nursing experience of successful advocacy for person centered choice end-of-life care by Frances M Reed, Les Fitzgerald and Melanie Rae Bish, In Press:Journal of Holistic Nursing.**
Topics (Admin only) Nurses; Rural and remote