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Study Title: End of life care for patients with dementia in hospital

Brief description of the study: This qualitative study explores how caregivers of patients with dementia who died at Monash Medical Centre Clayton experienced end of life care service provision. This project aims to fill a gap in knowledge around current end of life care practices for patients with dementia and their caregivers in hospital. The participant group will be a) Bereaved caregivers (family or otherwise) of patients diagnosed with dementia who died during an episode of acute care under the General Medical Unit at Monash Medical Centre Clayton b) The health care professionals (Doctors, nurses, social workers, etc.) who had contact with the caregivers during the end of life care period c) Senior management and professional identities within medicine, nursing and social work who are considered to have expert or specialised knowledge around end of life and dementia care. Data collection will be through semi structured interviews. Complexity theory is the underpinning epistemology framing this research issue

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: August 2015

Project completion date: April 2020

Multi site:	**X**	Yes		No		Not applicable

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Topics (Admin only) Site of care: Hospitals; Dementia

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