CareSearch Project Research Studies Register: Registration Proforma	0197

Study Title: Evidence-based, patient-centred clinical decision making in the management of patients with multimorbidity and limited life expectancy: the Australian general practitioner experience

Brief description of the study: As the Australian population ages, general practitioners are increasingly required to manage patients burdened by multiple chronic conditions, or 'multimorbidity'. For many of these patients, at least one of their conditions will be non-curable, life-limiting, and progressive. The continuity of care provided by general practice can place GPs at the centre of sensitive discussions around uncertain disease trajectories, changing goals of care, and the initiation of a palliative approach nearer the end of life. We currently know little about the influence of significant multimorbidity on GP management decisions in this context, or if a different care approach is even required. This PhD programme of study will seek to understand GP perceptions of their own role in providing such care within our healthcare system, as well as the ways in which they negotiate the challenges of reconciling available research evidence with the values, goals, and preferences of patients and their families.

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?		Yes	**X**	No		Not applicable
Project starting date: Feb 2018						
Project completion date: Feb 2021						
Multi site:		Yes		No	**X**	Not applicable

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Investigator D (Name)
Associated publications / reports:
Topics (Admin only): decision making, chronic conditions, general practitioners

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