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Study Title: The Experience of Punjabi Indians with Palliative Care at Residential Aged Care Facilities: A Regional Perspective

Brief description of the study: This research project deals with the important and contemporary topic of aged care services for emerging and burgeoning culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) population groups in regional New South Wales (NSW). The study sought to identify barriers to appropriate and equitable palliative care and services for regionally based Punjabi Indians, with important implications for the wider CALD population. This exploratory empirical case study of the Punjabi Indians was undertaken in the Riverina region of NSW. To complement the study, Interviews were also conducted with non-specialised professional care staff of residential aged care facilities (RACFs) in the Riverina region. The results of this study argue that for Australian palliative care services to be truly client-centred, high quality and culturally appropriate, services delivery must stem from an appropriate knowledge base. The dominant medical knowledge base in this context does not adequately account for experiences of CALD population groups in context to palliative care services; it does not adequately account for interrelationships and collective concerns of the CALD population. What is essentially required is a human rights framework where stronger ethics of care is conceptualised in terms of proficiency as well as care in terms of cultural respect demonstrated through the palliative care service delivery model.

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

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Project starting date: January 2015						
Project completion date: March 2020						
Multi site:	X	Yes		No		Not applicable
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Associated publications / reports: PhD Thesis						
Topics (Admin only) Culture and Religion, aged care, older people, site of care (RAC)						

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