

progress has been made in the design and development of the clinical trials. The medications selected for study in the initial round are: ketorolac (subcommittee led by Odette Spruyt), risperidone (Meera Agar), ketamine (Janet Hardy and Michael Ashby), megestrol (Paul Glare), octreotide (David Currow) and ondansetron (James Stevenson).

A three month audit, designed to assess the feasibility of each of these studies and to calculate the sample size required for each study is currently being finalised.

At the PaCCSC workshop held at the 2006 Newcastle ANZSPM Scientific Meeting, several palliative care services indicated their interest in becoming a partner in PaCCSC. The PaCCSC Management Advisory Board invited those services wishing to nominate themselves as second round research sites within the Collaborative to respond to a range of criteria.

The criteria included service size, geographical location, experience in the conduct of quality assurance activities and phase 4 or pharmacovigilance studies, data collection infrastructure support, access to research expertise and

collaborative relationships to support long-term patient follow-up, desire to collaborate in multi-centre clinical studies and a commitment to participate actively in the governance structure of PaCCSC.

Applications were independently reviewed and 4 sites selected. The phase 4 sites are:

- Nambour/ Sunshine Coast, Qld
- Northern Tasmania Palliative Care
- Royal North Shore / Hope Healthcare NSW
- Royal Adelaide / Modbury Palliative Care, SA

The development and implementation of PaCCSC is a major milestone for the National Palliative Care Strategy, with the ability to generate a high quality evidence base for palliative care therapeutics and subsidy processes. PaCCSC will also have a major role in the capacity building necessary to facilitate the sustainability of quality palliative care clinical research and hence high quality clinical service delivery in Australia and internationally.

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