

Seventh Annual Research Conference

- Prognosis and End of Life Issues
- Palliative Care Research in Queensland
- Allied Health Service Directory
- Best Practice Management of Breakthrough Pain
- PaCCSC

This focus of this edition of Centre Line is CPCRE's Seventh Annual Research Conference, held in Brisbane on 18th April, 2008. In addition to our keynote presentations, this year's conference included presentations from each Area Health Service reporting on palliative care research within their area.

Morning Keynote Address

Dr Josephine Clayton, Head of Palliative Care at Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, and Senior Lecturer in Medicine at the University of Sydney, gave the morning keynote address. Her presentation focused on 'Discussing prognosis and end of life issues with patients and their families: evidence based recommendations for clinical practice.'

While patients and families rate prognostic and end-of-life communication as one of the most important aspects of their care at end of life, discussing these topics can be difficult for patients, families and health professionals.

Dr Clayton discussed findings from focus groups as well as interviews with palliative care patients, their caregivers and palliative health professionals regarding these topics. She also addressed the challenges and findings of a systematic literature review, involving mostly descriptive studies.

Finally, Dr Clayton considered recommendations from an expert advisory panel from various relevant disciplines. The key recommendation is that health professionals consider the recommendations conveyed by the acronym **PREPARED** when discussing prognosis and end-of-life issues with adults in the advanced stages of a life-limiting illness, and their caregivers:

- P**repare for the discussion, where possible;
- R**elate to the person;
- E**licit patient/caregiver understanding and information preferences;
- P**rovide information, tailored to the individual needs of both patients and their families;
- A**cknowledge emotions and concerns;
- (foster) **R**ealistic hope;
- E**ncourage questions and further discussions; and
- D**ocument what has been discussed.

Farewell to Dr Deborah Prior

Dr Deborah Prior has been a tremendous asset to the Centre over the last three years as its Director of Learning and Development. In particular, her interest in palliative care for the Indigenous community has ensured that the Centre is significantly involved in this critical area of Indigenous health. Along with Centre staff, I wish Dr Prior well in her 'retirement', and look forward to working with her as she continues her work with Indigenous peoples.

Professor Patsy Yates, Acting Director, CPCRE

Welcome Tanya

The Centre welcomes Ms Tanya Trevena who starts as Director of Learning and Development on 30th June. With a background in Physiotherapy, Tanya has worked at Nimbin, Tweed Heads, John Flynn, Wesley and Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospitals. Tanya's last role was as Statewide Allied Health Cancer Care Training and Development Coordinator. In this role she conducted regular needs assessments of the Allied Health workforce, facilitated training and development opportunities and was a strong advocate for the multidisciplinary team in Cancer Care. Tanya has worked closely with people with Parkinson's disease, dementia, chronic heart failure and the elderly.

In her spare time Tanya is completing a Graduate Diploma in Health Economics, and is working with her physiotherapy association (APA) to promote the physiotherapist's role in Cancer Care. Tanya loves to spend time with her family and friends, playing social sports, reading good books and enjoying a glass of red wine!



Central Area Health Service

From Central Area Health Service, **Dr Carol Douglas**, Director of Palliative Care at Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH), reported on the **RBWH end of life care pathway project**.

In this project, a modified version of the Liverpool Care Pathway is being progressively introduced to all clinical areas of RBWH.

The presentation considered the roll out strategy and its progress, education strategies, and other issues including sustainability strategies. Feedback from staff questionnaires after introduction of the pathway included comments such as:

"The thing I appreciate about the pathway is it allows someone to pass away quietly, peacefully, pain free and with dignity. It also allows the family to observe these things and be part of the process". Another comment: "I like the way the pathway makes nurses identify a variance, do something about it and achieve outcomes. Then be able to document it clearly."

In terms of what could make the tool better, suggestions included "Assess pain levels using the Abbey Scale" and "Maybe a small working group on the ward that meets together as a refresher". And on the negative side: "Initially it was difficult to use, mostly because it was new. But we have proven that you can teach old dogs new tricks!!"

Also reported on from Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital was the Palliative Care Discharge Planning Project, which includes Dr Douglas, Assoc Prof Geoff Mitchell from the Division of General Practice at the University of Queensland's School of Medicine, and CPCRE Acting Director Prof Patsy Yates.

The aims of the Palliative Care Discharge Planning Project are to develop and evaluate interventions to enhance communication between hospital and community health professionals. The interventions are:

1. A **patient-held-record** which should ensure that critical information is permanently at hand for the primary team and community-based health care providers
2. As-needed **case conference** which will facilitate involvement of the patient's GP in planning care at home, by linking the hospital team and the GP via teleconference pre-discharge.

The Patient-Held Record contains:

- Communication log booklet
- Patient alerts as appropriate
- Patients wishes regarding end of life care
- Palliative Care Plan
- Hospital Discharge Summaries
- Medications List

The record also contains space for storage of business cards and pamphlets.

Northern Area Health Service

Dr Ofra Fried, Palliative Care Consultant at The Townsville Cancer Centre of The Townsville Hospital, presented on behalf of the Northern Area Health Service.

Her presentation "A Public Health Approach to Palliative Care Service Development" looked at the parallels between her pioneering work in palliative care in Central Australia and now in far north Queensland. Dr Fried established the Central Australian Palliative Care Service in Alice Springs, where she spent 15 years.

She has a strong background and interest in Indigenous Health and Remote Area Medicine and has encouraged the development of palliative care services that are appropriate for and accessible by local populations. Dr Fried's Master's thesis and subsequent publications have focused on Indigenous palliative care issues.

Southern Area Health Service

A/Prof Liz Reymond, Chair of the Palliative Care Clinical Network, Southern Area Health Service and Clinical Director of Brisbane South Palliative Care Service, introduced the speakers from Southern Area Health Service. A/Prof Reymond is also Director of Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative, and her research area of interest is symptom management for palliative care patients.

The Southern Area Health Service (SAHS) Palliative Care Clinical Network (PCCN) was established in 2006 to advise Queensland Health regarding the development of palliative care services and contemporary issues impacting on service provision. The PCCN is comprised of representatives from government and non-government palliative care services operating within the SAHS geographical area and membership is multi-disciplinary.

The PCCN directly contributes to the improvement of palliative patient outcomes by supporting projects that address priority areas identified within the Action Plan of the Network.

The following six projects were outlined briefly:

- 24hr Palliative Care Telephone Advisory Service for Doctors – Fiona Israel
- DVD "Guide for Clinicians: How to use a Syringe Driver for Palliative Care Patients" – Fiona Israel
- Development of an Allied Health Service Directory – Jodie Nixon
- Networking and Upskilling Palliative Care Workshops – Debbie Menzies
- PICCs and Ports Education – Debbie Kirkup
- Development of a Palliative Care Admission Tool – Maree Lyons-Micic

24hr Palliative Care Telephone Advisory Service

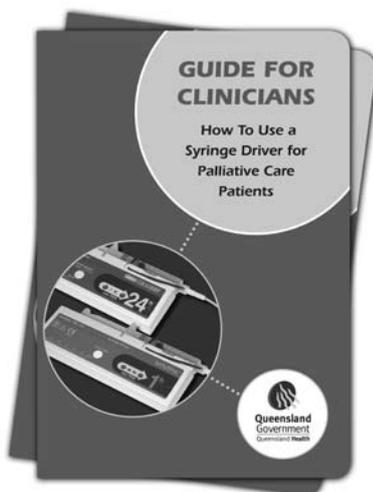
Fiona Israel: Fiona manages the Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative, a research partnership between Queensland Health, Griffith University School of Medicine and Mt Olivet Hospital. She is also the Principal Project Officer for the Southern Area Health Service, Palliative Care Clinical Network.

Fiona reported on the 24hr Palliative Care Telephone Advisory Service for Doctors (07 3240 1368) established at Mt Olivet to service primarily SAHS, but which accepts calls from throughout Queensland.

The service was audited and evaluated from 1st August-31st December 2007. It was assessed as being clinically advantageous, with 61% of calls from SAHS, and 23% of calls from rural and remote practitioners. The majority of calls were in the afternoon and evening, with only one call during the period 2400-0600hrs.

Clinician's Guide to Using a Syringe Driver (DVD)

Fiona also reported on the Clinician's Guide to using a syringe driver for palliative care patients, a valuable new resource that has had much interest in it from interstate as well as throughout Queensland.



Palliative Education Sessions Debbie Menzies, Nurse Educator, Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative:

This project will deliver 24 palliative care workshops across Southern Area Health Service from June 2007-August 2008. Aims of the project include improving clinical networking between generalist and specialist palliative care service providers, and improving palliative care support for dying people and their families throughout rural, remote and urban areas of Southern Area Health Service.

Evaluation of the project will include an assessment of the impact of the workshops from both health carer and personal carer perspectives.

Central Venous Access Devices Debbie Kirkup, Nurse Manager, Palliative Care, Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Designed in response to input from rural practitioners that an update on CVADs was a high priority, this successful workshop attracted staff from Mt Olivet, Bayside, Logan, Goondiwindi and the Gold Coast.

Standardised Admission Tool Maree Lyons-Micic, Project Officer, Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative

The standardised palliative care admission tool is a PCCN initiative designed to reduce duplication and burden on patients and carers. A future edition of Centre Line will have a detailed explanation of the admission tool.

Allied Health Directory Jodie Nixon, Occupational Therapist, Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane

The Southern Area Health Service Palliative Care Clinical Network (PCCN), recently developed and published a directory to improve networking between Allied Health Professionals (AHP). The directory includes a list of AHPs who work in, or have an interest in palliative care, and who provide services within the Southern Area Health Service (SAHS) of Queensland.

The directory project was initiated in 2007, and funded by the SAHS PCCN. Consultation groups occurred across SAHS and included occupational therapists, physiotherapists, speech language pathologists, pharmacists, social workers, counsellors and dietitians.

AHPs attending the consultancy group determined that the directory would be useful with mentoring, networking, increased quality of care, raising the profile of AHPs and providing support to rural and remote staff

It is important for all Allied Health Professionals to establish and maintain professional support, and as palliative care is becoming a part of many AHP caseloads, it is integral to maintain these networks and professional support in this challenging area of practice.

The list is open to professionals working with both government and non government organisations, however email addresses of Queensland Health employees have had to be removed due to privacy concerns. It is hoped that in the future full details will be accessible to all staff working in palliative care.

Future plans for the subgroup include having a list of post-graduate and continuing education opportunities linked with the site, so stay tuned for future updates!

The directory is accessible through the Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education site, and will be updated as required. When CPCRE's QHEPS (intranet) site is online, full contact details will be available to all Queensland Health staff.

To join the directory, please contact the chair of the SAHS PCCN AHP Subgroup, Jodie Nixon, on (07) 3240 5008.

PaCCSC

Professor Janet Hardy presented a report on the Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC), delivered by Flinders University with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing under the National Palliative Care Program.

Janet Hardy is the Director of Palliative Medicine for the Mater Health Services and is the Clinical Research Programme Leader for the Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education in Brisbane. She holds a chair in Palliative Medicine from the University of Queensland School of Medicine and chairs the Trials Management Committee for PaCCSC, as well as its Ketamine Trial Subcommittee.

Professor Hardy presented information about the National Medicines Policy and challenges to providing medicines for palliative care patients in Australia. Those challenges include the fact that specific dosage, indication and formulation needs for administration

of some drugs to palliative care patients are not covered by Therapeutic Goods Administration or Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee data.

A significant issue with the current situation is that patients going from hospital back to the community often have their medications changed on discharge because of the prohibitive cost of those medications outside the hospital system.

Afternoon Keynote Address

The conference audience was fortunate to have an afternoon keynote presented by Sebastiano Mercadante, Professor of Palliative Medicine at the University of Palermo, Italy, and Director of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care & Palliative Care at La Maddalena Cancer Centre in Palermo. Professor Mercadante discussed 'Best Practice Management of Breakthrough Pain', highlighting the use of fentanyl lozenges in this context.

Sunshine Coast Community Hospice

From Pat Mulhall, volunteer with the Sunshine Coast Community Hospice Charity.

I wanted to be able to let you know a little about the efforts of two very special people in organising a charity to build a sorely needed hospice here on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

As you would well know from your own endeavours it takes considerable time and effort, knocking on doors, explaining "why a hospice is needed, what a hospice is, how they operate, who benefits from hospice care" etc. These special ladies, Terry Clarke-Burrow and Sue Story have spent many hours in doing just that. Both resigned from their paid positions to allow them the time to follow their passion of forming a charity to build the hospice.

As a volunteer I have been inspired by their efforts, though only others such as yourselves, who have been in a similar situation, putting in the same effort, could truly have an understanding of the journey they are taking trying to fulfil this dream of establishing the Sunshine Coast Community Hospice.

Terry Clarke-Burrows

Before coming to Australia, Terry had 28 years experience in the UK including several years as CEO/Matron in aged care/palliative care units. At one stage she was a private nurse to Sir John Eastwood, a wealthy community minded benefactor who left a one million pounds bequest to build a hospice in Nottinghamshire. As a member of the initial nursing team there, Terry had first hand experience in what it takes to establish such a facility, which in that case incorporates 12 inpatient beds, 60 day care beds per week and provides outpatient services and is operating very successfully. So Terry is under no illusions about the challenges to be faced and overcome before patient care can commence.

Sue Story

Sue has a post-graduate certificate in palliative care from Flinders University and 10 years experience in specialist palliative care nursing. The last 6 years were as nurse manager of Qld Health's Sunshine Coast Palliative Care Service. Sue therefore has a good understanding of the limitations on providing palliative care in a general hospital environment and the distinct advantages for clients and their families who have access to a community hospice.

All this hard work is coming to fruition with the official opening of the Charity on Friday 23rd May 2008, with plans for the building to be opened early in 2010.

Terry & Sue would appreciate your thoughts, encouragement, advice and suggestions to help them along the way. Both can be contacted on the following email: care@sunshinehospice.org.au. For further information about the Hospice please visit our website (still currently being developed) www.sunshinehospice.org.au

CPCRE Activity Report April – June 2008

Promoting access to high quality palliative care education

PEPA (Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach): (Funded by the Department of Health and Ageing)

CPCRE is offering 140 PEPA placements during 2007-2010 for GPs, nurses and allied health professionals. Additional placements for Indigenous Health Workers will also be offered. As at June 2008, more than 61 placements (including 20 Indigenous Health Workers) and 6 workshops attended by 257 participants will have been completed. Applications for the program can be received at any time, and are available on the CPCRE website.

Indigenous Palliative Care Education (Activities supported by the PEPA Program, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing).

Members of the CPCRE and PEPA team have worked in collaboration with representatives of Queensland Health Indigenous Health Workers, the Workforce Strategy and Change Unit, Cancer Council of Queensland, and the Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council to assist with development of PEPA initiatives for Indigenous Health Workers. On the basis of these consultations, a tailored PEPA program has been developed for Indigenous Health Workers. The program involves a combined workshop, with supported group placements and post placement support. The first round of the program was held in Townsville on March 17-18th 2008, attended by 10 participants. The second program is scheduled to be held in Rockhampton on June 17-18th, with 10 participants registered.

Allied Health Education

The next allied health workshop is scheduled for July 2008 and will be held in Cairns. Please check the CPCRE website for further information.

GP Education Updates

A PEPA GP Update in Palliative Care was held in Brisbane on the 17th May, 2008. This was attended by 47 participants, 28 of whom were Doctors. Topics addressed included:

- Palliation of advanced heart failure
- Supporting Motor Neurone Disease in the community
- Legal issues in palliative care
- Management of delirium in the community
- Buprenorphine: facts and fallacies
- Pharmacological palliative of dyspnoea
- The role of the Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner in the community.

Queensland Health GP Education Program

The five projects awarded for the 2007-2008 period to address priority issues identified by the CPCRE GP Advisory Committee, including palliative care mentoring, palliative aged care education, and a GP palliative care journal club are progressing well. Calls for expressions of interest in the 2008-2009 program have been made with a closing date of 19th May. The focus of the 2008-2009 program will continue to be working through the Divisions of General Practice to enhance General Practitioners' knowledge and skills in palliative care.

Palliative Care Curriculum for Undergraduates (PCC4U)

(A joint initiative between Queensland University of Technology, CPCRE, Flinders University, Charles Darwin University, and Curtin University with funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing).

All universities which offer undergraduate courses in the health disciplines have been invited to participate in the project. The project manager is working closely with course providers from all disciplines to assist in promoting the inclusion of palliative care in undergraduate curricula.

Queensland Palliative Care Education Calendar

The 2008 Education Calendar has been published and distributed to over 1000 individuals and services. For further information, please contact cpcrc@health.qld.gov.au

CPCRE Website

The redeveloped CPCRE website is expected to be launched in June 2008. The new website will provide a range of new resources and functions, including the Brisbane South Allied Health Directory, a new page on indigenous palliative care, as well as copies of CPCRE developed guidelines.

CPCRE Annual Research Conference

The CPCRE Research Conference was held in Brisbane on 18th April 2008, attended by more than 140 participants. Dr Josephine Clayton provided the keynote address on communicating end of life issues. Prof Sebastiano Mercadante (Professor of Palliative Medicine, University of Palermo, Italy; and Director of Anaesthesia & Intensive Care & Palliative Care, La Maddalena Cancer Centre, Palermo, Italy) also provided an update on current best practice in pain management. The program abstract booklet is available on the CPCRE website.

Undertaking research

CPCRE Research Programs

Research programs involving Centre staff address areas including:

- Health services delivery
- Symptom management and supportive care
- Professional Practice Development
- Person centre palliative care

Please visit www.cpcrc.com for further details of specific projects, publications, reports and conference presentations.

Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative

The collaborative is a national initiative funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and led by a team from Flinders University. Professor Janet Hardy is chairperson for the Trials Subcommittee, and is working with partners in the collaborative to develop protocols for trials. The first trials have been approved by the Scientific Committee of the Collaborative and relevant ethics committee and recruitment has commenced.

Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC) (Funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing)

The northern zone of PCOC (Queensland and Northern NSW) are currently working with 34 service providers. In Queensland, 28 of the 32 services (88%) have agreed to join PCOC. A workshop for consultative services was held in March, to review classifications and refine outcomes measures for these services. A similar workshop for community services is expected to be held in May 2008.

Establishing and facilitating partnerships

Palliative Care Clinical Networks.

CPCRE is represented on Central and Southern Area Health Service Palliative Care Networks, and is actively supporting activities of the networks. CPCRE staff are advising on the mapping study currently being undertaken by Central Area Health Service Palliative Care Network. CPCRE staff co-facilitated a workshop to discuss the emerging data and potential recommendations arising from the data.

The Prince Charles Hospital Heart Failure Palliative Care Nurse Project

CPCRE continues to participate as a key member of the group leading a project funded by the Commonwealth Local Palliative Care Grants Scheme.

Brisbane South Collaborative Supporting People at Home Project (Funded through the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing)

CPCRE staff are collaborating with Brisbane South Palliative Care Collaborative on a recently funded project to support carers with medication administration in the home.

Palliative Care Queensland "A Matter of Life and Death" Forum

CPCRE staff participated in panel discussions and facilitated sessions as part of this forum coordinated by Palliative Care Queensland. The forum was intended to provide an opportunity to help shape improved policy for quality care at end of life, in response to the changing nature of dying and the need to ensure better access to end of life care services for our community.

Developing and promoting the use of evidence based resources

Practice Guidelines

The following guidelines and information resources continue to be distributed through CPCRE:

- The management of syringe drivers guidelines (with accompanying summary card and on line education package)
- Paediatric Loss and Grief Information Resources

Copies of these resources are available from the CPCRE Website.

A publication on guidelines for the management of dyspnoea has been accepted for publication in the journal "Palliative Medicine". The guidelines for the non-pharmacological intervention component of these guidelines are currently undergoing peer review. Feedback is being incorporated into the guidelines which are expected to be published in coming months.

Identifying trends in palliative care service delivery and their implications for Queensland

CPCRE Staff Representative Activities:

Acting Director:

- Member, Palliative Care Australia Standards and Quality Committee
- Member, Palliative Care Australia Executive Committee
- Member, Reference Group, National Standards Assessment Project, Palliative Care Australia

Director of Learning and Development:

- Chairperson Palliative Care Queensland Education Committee
- Member of the Queensland working group for The Supporting Primary care Providers in Palliative Care Project.
- Cancer Council of Queensland Advisory Group for Indigenous Cancer Education and Cancer Resource Development Group

Clinical Research Program Leader:

- Member QCF Medical and Scientific Committee
- Member, Palliative Care Medications Working Group
- Chair Trial management committee, PaCCSC
- Member Scientific Committee, PaCCSC
- Member, Management Advisory Board, PaCCSC
- Member Medical Advisory Board, Xenome Pharmaceuticals

Palliative Profile – CareSearch

Many practitioners within the palliative care community will be aware of CareSearch, an online resource funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, and managed by the Department of Palliative and Supportive Services at Flinders University.

The CareSearch site has been undergoing extensive updating, and the new look site was launched on Monday 26th May as part of National Palliative Care Week.

The site consists of evidence based and quality information for clinicians and GPs, patients and carers, and researchers and educators. It has an extensive listing of Indigenous resources in palliative care.

The clinician/GP resources include clinical guidance, assessing prognosis, pain and symptom management, the dying patient and their caregiver, help with difficult situations, and palliative care emergencies.

For patients and carers, there is state by state information targeted at patients, carers, families and friends, which can be printed off as well.

The CareSearch resources for researchers and educators include PubMed searches in the Evidence Based

Practice section, and literature searches on topics such as dyspnoea, cachexia and constipation.

The Education section connects users with online learning modules from around the world. It also lists conferences, relevant Australian university courses, and short courses. The National Palliative Care Program section has links to and information on key palliative care projects in Australia.

For nurses, there is information about taking care of themselves as health professionals, web based learning modules to keep their learning up to date, access to practical information for patients, carers, families and friends, and clinical information on the GP pages which may be relevant and interesting.

The updated website uses new search strategies to extract relevant information from bibliographic datasets, and can be combined with particular topics such as a symptom, disease or therapeutic activity. The search filter will also develop an automated series of alerts to ensure the webpages remain current over time.

The CareSearch site is constantly developing new resources for clinicians, researchers, educators, patients, carers and the community.

For further information visit www.caresearch.com.au or contact Natasha Schembri on Natasha.Schembri@flinders.edu.au or phone 08 8275 2817.

Palliative Care Research

Clein LJ, Pugachev E 2004. Reduction of edema of lower extremities by subcutaneous, controlled drainage: Eight cases. *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine* 21 (3):228-232.

In this article the authors describe the use in their clinical practice of a closed, controlled drainage procedure to alleviate the symptoms of lymphoedema. Needles with attached tubing and connected to closed drainage bags, were placed in the subcutaneous tissue. Large amounts of fluid drained via this method, resulting in significant increases in patient comfort, with all eight patients reportedly dying in comfort.

All patients had abdominal and pelvic metastatic disease, and no further active treatment was available for their malignancy.

Lloyd-Williams M, Kennedy V, Sixsmith A, Sixsmith J 2007. The end of life: A qualitative study of the perceptions of people over the age of 80 on issues surrounding death and dying. *J Pain Symptom Manage* 34(1):60-6.

Lloyd-Williams et al. used a qualitative grounded theory approach to explore the perceptions of issues around death and dying of elderly people in the community. Subjects were forty individuals aged between 80 and 89 years living alone in the community. The researchers found that end of life issues are a major concern for older people but rarely addressed by professionals. Issues associated with end of life included fear of becoming a burden to others, fear of how they would die, wanting to prepare for and have a choice with regard to where and when they die, and issues relating to assisted dying.

O'Leary N, Tiemane E, Walsh D et al. 2007. The pitfalls of a systematic MEDLINE review in palliative medicine: Symptom assessment instruments. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care* 24(3):181-4.

O'Leary et al. contend that many relevant articles are missed in MEDLINE searches, particularly when the subject is complex. They report the detailed methodology of a PubMed search of MEDLINE, complemented by a related articles link search. Using the standard PubMed MEDLINE search, only 14% of relevant articles were identified; using the related articles link, more than 50% were identified.

The authors recommend that the related articles link be included in any palliative medicine systematic PubMed MEDLINE literature review.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Queensland

17-18th June 2008

Indigenous Health Worker Workshop
CPCRE/PEPA – Rockhampton
Contact: 07 3636 6216

25th June 2008

Is Sexuality and Body Image Relevant
in the Palliative Care Setting?
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

25th June 2008

Mandatory Reporting of Elder Abuse in Residential Care
Alzheimers Association Qld - Brisbane
Contact fax 07 3422 1488
ph 1800 1800 23
Demystifying Research (Part 1) CPCRE - RBWH
Contact: 07 3636 8197

21-25th July 2008

Palliative Care Course for ENS
The Cancer Council Qld – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3258 2307

31st Jul-1st August 2008

Principles and Practice of Palliative Care by the AIN/PCA
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

12th August 2008

Clinical Skills Update
CPCRE – Rockhampton
Contact: 07 3636 8197

Aug 2008 date tba

The Paperwork of Death and Dying – Funerals, Legals and
Financial Issues and your 'to do list'
Ipswich Hospice Care – Ipswich
Contact: 07 3812 0063

6-8th August 2008

Principles and Practice of Palliative Care
by the Registered Nurse
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

7-8th August 2008

Hospital to Home Heart Failure Workshop
The Prince Charles Hospital - Brisbane
Contact: 07 3139 5031

15th August 2008

Professional Ethics and Self Care in Bereavement Work
Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement
Princess Alexandra Hospital - Brisbane
Contact: 03 9265 2100

19th August 2008

A Palliative Approach to Wound Management
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

20-22nd August 2008

Principles and Practice of Palliative Care by the EN
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

29th August 2008

Cultural Practices at End of Life
Mt Olivet – Brisbane
Contact: 07 3240 1165

12-13 September 2008

31st Annual Oncology Nurses Group Conference
Cancer Council Queensland
Townsville
Contact: 07 3258 2200

National

15-18 July 2008

8th International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in
Contemporary Society
Melbourne
www.grief.org.au/conference.html

25-26 July 2008

Sydney Cancer Conference 2008
Sydney
www.cancerresearch.med.usyd.edu.au/SCC2008/

27-30 August 2008

National Conference for Rural & Remote Allied Health
Professionals
Yeppoon, Queensland
www.sarah.org.au

31 August-6 September 2008

3rd ACORD Workshop - A workshop in Effective Clinical
Trials Design
Sunshine Coast, Queensland
www.acordworkshop.org.au/

12-13 September 2008

Palliative Care Nurses Australia 2nd Biennial Conference
Adelaide
www.plevin.com.au/pcna2008/

24-27 September 2008

Australia and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine
(ANZSPM) Conference
Darwin
www.willorganise.com.au/anzspm08

4 October 2008

World Hospice & Palliative Care Day
Palliative Care Australia
pcainc@pallcare.org.au
www.pallcare.org.au

International

22-26 July 2008

XII World Congress of Music Therapy
Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.musictherapyworld.net

17-22 August 2008

12th World Congress on Pain –
International Association for the Study of Pain
Glasgow
www.iasp-pain.org

17-21st August 2008

15th International Conference on
Cancer Nursing
International Society of Nurses in Cancer Care
Singapore
www.isncc.org/meeting/announcement/

29-30 August 2008

Singapore Palliative Care Conference
Singapore
www.singaporehospice.org.sg

Graseby Syringe Driver Update

Palliative Care Australia's website www.palliativecare.org.au has a link to the report prepared by PCA, with assistance from CPCRE, on alternatives to the Graseby syringe driver for subcutaneous infusion. The Graseby was withdrawn from sale in Australia in October 2007, but is still able to be used and will be supported and maintained by the manufacturer Smiths Medical for at least five years.

If seeking an alternative to the Graseby syringe driver, consultation with your local specialist palliative care team is recommended so as to hopefully avoid a multiplicity of devices.

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