

St Vincent's Palliative Care Precinct

Research Projects – March 2024

Incorporating work from:

- Palliative Care Clinical Services
- PsychOncology
- Centre for Palliative Care
- Palliative Nexus
- University of Melbourne

Title	Project Team	Funding Source	Primary Contact (SVHM)
Improving the wellbeing of people with advanced cancer and their family carers: An effectiveness-implementation trial of an Australian dyadic digital health intervention (FOCUSau)	Peter Hudson , Jennifer Philip, Marlana Klaic, Richard De Abreu Lourenco, Ilona Juraskova, Kathleen Gray, Michael Jefford, Suzanne Kapp, Joachim Cohen, Jane Phillips, Patsy Yates, Sophy Athan, Belinda Fazekas, Aline De Vleminck, Sungwon Chang, Kristina Thomas, Laurel Northouse; Project Manager: Shaira Baptista; Clinical Trial Manager: Ines Oliveira de Sousa	The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
CarerHelp Rural Connect: Bringing end of life and bereavement information and support to rural Australian carers	Peter Hudson , Mark Boughey, Jennifer Tieman, Chris Hall, Susi Tegen, Margaret Deerain; Project Officers: Kristina Thomas, Di Seward	Commonwealth of Australia - Public Health and Chronic Disease Grant Program	Tina Thomas kristina.thomas@svha.org.au
Health economics in palliative care research program	Chris Schilling , Peter Hudson	N/A	Chris Schilling chris.schilling@svha.org.au
Program of Experience in Palliative Approach (PEPA) Victoria	Molly Carlile	Commonwealth of Australia	Molly Carlile molly.carlile@svha.org.au
PCRN program to enhance consumer and community engagement in palliative care (Voices for palliative care)	Jennifer Philip , Peter Hudson, Mollie Wilson	N/A	Mollie Wilson Mollie.wilson@svha.org.au
Singing For Inspiration – A randomized, controlled, crossover, phase II/III, 2-arm trial to investigate feasibility, acceptability, and preliminary effectiveness of hybrid online/face-to-face singing groups compared to standard of care for wellbeing and	Natasha Smallwood , Peter Hudson, Jennifer Philip, Amy Pascoe	Windermere	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au

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symptom management in participants with lung disease			
Understanding end-of-life care for patients at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne	Jennifer Weil , Kathryn Ducharlet, David Marco	N/A	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
PallCare@Home (Community Connect)	Beth Russell , Nicola Gorwell, David Marco, Jody Uren, Julie McDonald, Michael Bramwell, Mark Boughey	N/A	Beth Russell Beth.russell@svha.org.au
DEPART PAIN - A Phase III, international, multi-centre, double-blind, dose increment, parallel-arm, randomised controlled trial of duloxetine versus pregabalin over 14 days for opioid unresponsive cancer-related neuropathic pain	Jennifer Weil , Indy Khera	Improving Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care through Clinical Research and Translation (IMPACCT), Faculty of Health, University of Technology Sydney	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
Improving palliative care in a correctional health setting, evaluating a new model of care	Tamsin Bryan , Jennifer Philip, Stacey Panozzo, David Marco	SVHM REF	Tamsin Bryan tamsin.bryan@svha.org.au
Recognising palliative care needs in a general medical unit (SPICT)	Tom Whelan , David Marco, Tamsin Bryan, Jenny Weil	SVHM REF	Tom Whelan tom.whelan@svha.org.au
Rapid Pharmacovigilance in palliative care: A prospective observational study – understanding the burden of adverse drug reactions and their impact on symptoms at end of life (Transfusion study)	The Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC), Jennifer Philip , Jennifer Weil, Indy Khera.		Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
The role of the emergency paramedic when responding to callouts from palliative patients in the community	David Marco , Brian Le, Esther McMillan-Drendel, Jennifer Philip	Department of Health and Human Services Victoria	David Marco david.marco@svha.org.au
A clinical registry trial to enhance evidence-base information, support and treatment choices for people with poor outcome cancer	Anna Collins , Jennifer Philip, Sue-Anne Mclachlan, Vijaya Sundararajan, Avi Paluch, Brian Le, Peter Hudson, Mei Krishnasamy	N/A	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Qualifying meaningful differences in nausea assessment	David Marco , Jennifer Philip, Jennifer Weil, Phillip Good, Angela Baird, Indy Khera	SVHM REF The Angior Family Foundation	David Marco david.marco@svha.org.au

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What are the financial and resource implications of voluntary assisted dying?	Peter Hudson , David Marco, Jennifer Philip, Richard De Abreu Lourenco	N/A	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
The Care Plus study: multi-site implementation of early palliative care in routine practice to improve health outcomes and reduce hospital admissions for people with advanced cancer	Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Establishing criteria for early referral to palliative care for people with non-malignant disease	Jennifer Philip , Anna Collins, international collaborators	-	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Establishing and Implementing an Aboriginal Patient Navigator role: Improving cancer outcomes for the Victorian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community	Jennifer Philip , Stacey Panozzo	WCMICS (Victorian Integrated Cancer Services)	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
The Partner Study: Delivering timely, best care using remotely collected patient reported outcome measures	Jennifer Philip , Anna Collins	Avant Foundation	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Exploring the financial impact of caring for people with advanced cancer in the palliative and end-of-life setting: A co-design study with informal caregivers	Jennifer Philip	Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
The COMET Program: Enhancing supportive care trials for community dwelling people with cancer	Jennifer Philip	Victorian Cancer Council, Victorian Cancer Agency	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Establishing patterns of primary care usage at the end of life in cancer: using indicators of quality end of life care in linked administrative data	Matt Grant , Anna Collins, Jennifer Philip	RACGP Foundation / HCF Research Foundation Research Grant	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Mapping palliative care provision for prisoners in Australia	Stacey Panozzo , Jennifer Philip	REF grant	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au

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Triage in palliative care: development, validation and implementation of the RUN-PC tool	Beth Russell	REF grant, Vic Dept of Health	Beth Russell Beth.russell@svha.org.au
REVITALISE – building clinical trial capability in regional Victoria	Craig Underhill, Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Palliative Care for people experiencing health inequity	Stacey Panozzo, Jennifer Philip	REF grant	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
RESONANCE - A phase I/II double-blind, randomised controlled trial assessing effect of medicinal cannabis on quality of life and symptom control in advanced cancer	Jennifer Weil, Indy Khera	Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute (ONJCRI)	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
LUANA - Phase II, double blind, placebo controlled, parallel arm, fixed dose, multi-site study to evaluate the safety, feasibility and desirability of conducting a fully powered phase III study of anamorelin for anorexia in people with small cell lung cancer	Jennifer Weil, Indy Khera	IMPACCT, Faculty of Health, University of Technology Sydney	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
A mixed methods investigation of patient characteristics associated with place of death in a tertiary hospital	Jennifer Weil, David Marco, Jamie Parker-Smith	N/A	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
Aquapro: Psilocybin-assisted psychotherapy for the treatment of depression and anxiety associated with life-threatening illness. Includes an emphasis on examining music related experiences	Margaret Ross, Martin Williams, Justin Dwyer, Mark Boughey, Clare O'Callaghan.		Margaret Ross Margaret.ross@svah.org.au
Virtual reality's use with hospitalized patients and associated psychosocial outcomes: A mixed methods systematic review	Justin Dwyer, Helen Wilding, Lynette Wallworth, Nina Edwards, Keryn Taylor, Margaret Ross, Clare O'Callaghan		Justin Dwyer Justin.DWYER@svha.org.au
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Scleroderma Supportive Care Service	SVHM Palliative Care: Julie McDonald ; SVHM Rheumatology Dept		Julie McDonald Julie.McDonald@svha.org.au

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Exploring hospital deaths after COVID	David Marco, Jennifer Philip, Brian Le.		David Marco David.marco@svha.org.au
The implementation of early palliative care for people with high grade glioma: understanding effectiveness, costs and the role of telehealth	Jennifer Philip , A/Prof Vijaya Sundararajan, Dr Chris Schilling, Prof Brian Le, Prof Mei Krishnasamy, et al	Victorian Cancer Agency Palliative Care Cancer Research Grants	Jennifer Philip Jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Understanding the impact of a First Nations Cancer Coordinator Role: Perceptions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with cancer and their families	Mollie Wilson , Jennifer Philip, Brian Le	SVHM Research Endowment Fund (REF grant)	Mollie Wilson Mollie.wilson@svha.org.au
The cost of cancer caregiving: piloting a co-designed, comprehensive economic tool for measuring the impact of cancer on informal caregivers	Cara Platts , Jennifer Philip, et al	SVHM Research Endowment Fund (REF grant)	Cara Platts c.platts@unimelb.edu.au

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Externally led project where Palliative Care Precinct staff member is a collaborative investigator

Title	Project Team	Funding Source	Primary Contact (svhm)
Living well, dying well: the LIVE Project	Mark Boughey	European Commission: Horizon 2020	Mark Boughey Mark.boughey@svha.org.au
A new direction in end of life care? Assessing the impact and outcomes of the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act	Paul Komesaroff , Jennifer Philip, Ian Kerridge, Lynn Gillam, Cameron Stewart, Alex Holmes, Ian Olver, Ben White, Sophie Lewis, Luc Deliens, Ross Upshur, Henk ten Have, Lindy Wilmott, Grant MacArthur, James Howe, Peter Hudson	NHMRC	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
More than a Movement Disorder: Applying Palliative Care to Parkinson's Disease	Benzi Kluger , Jacquelyn L Bainbridge, E. Ray Dorsey, Dianne Lynn Fairclough, Nicholas Gallifinikas, Peter Hudson, Maya Katz, Kathleen Kelly, Jean S Kutner, Robert Brett McQueen, Stefan H Sillau, Christopher Tarolli, John Fred Thomas	National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
Confidence to Care: A multi-state randomised controlled trial of structured nurse-led home-based support and education for carers of people with High Grade Glioma (HGG)	Georgia Halkett , Anna Nowak, Elizabeth Lobb, Jane Phillips, Peter Hudson, Rachael Moorin, Therese Shaw, Lisa Miller, Max Bulsara; Anne King, Anne Long, Stephanie Fewster, Daphne Tsoi, Katharine Drummond, Helen Wheeler, Meera Agar, Kim Peppiatt, Anne Wakeling	Cancer Council WA/Cancer Australia	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
Evaluation of Dyadic Psychoeducational Interventions for People with Advanced Cancer and their Informal Caregivers (DIAdIC): An international randomized controlled trial	Joachim Cohen , Peter Hudson, Agnes Van der Heide Richard Harding, Kevin Brazil, Luc Deliens, Massimo Costantini, Mogens Groenvold, Charles Normand,	Horizon 2020 – European Commission	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au

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	Phil Larkin, Julie Ling, Isabelle Manneh- Vangramberen		
ACE – Advanced cancer and cachexia exercise trial	Kelcey Bland , Jenny Weil, Melissa Moore, Indy Khera	Australian Catholic University	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au
MRFF Chronic Resp Disease Grant: Primary Breathe	Natasha Smallwood , Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Quality, Safety and Effectiveness of Medicine Use and Medicine Intervention by Pharmacists	Marliese Alexander , Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Medicinal Cannabis (MedCan3) – randomized, multicenter, double blind, placebo-controlled trial to assess THC/CBD (1:20) to relieve symptom burden in cancer	Phillip Good , Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Identifying the mental health effects and support needs of people bereaved during COVID- 19	Liz Lobb , Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
A pilot study of a systems informed decision facilitation process people with dementia	Michael Chapman , Jennifer Philip	Canberra Hospital Private Practice Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Towards improved palliative cancer care for Indigenous Australians	Brian Le , Jennifer Philip, Stacey Panozzo	WCMICS (Victorian Integrated Cancer Services)	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Strengthening access to best evidence based care for people with palliative care needs in Australian prisons: a national co- design and capacity building project	Jane Phillips , Jennifer Philip, Stacey Panozzo	Public Health and Chronic Disease Grant Program National Palliative Care Projects	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au

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Improving outcomes for upper gastrointestinal cancers, entitled: Real-time patient-reported outcomes (PROs) in clinical practice – a novel approach to improving quality of care for patients with upper gastrointestinal cancer	Zalberg J , Ioannou L, Evans S, King M, Dr Croagh C, Pilgrim C, Brown W, White K, Philip J, Earnest E	Victorian Cancer Agency	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Mapping palliative care service provision for people living with chronic disease in rural and regional Victoria	Rebecca Disler , Jennifer Philip	University of Melbourne	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Approach to market for provision of technical services - Cancer and Supportive Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (CSCCSC now CST)	Meera Agar , Jennifer Philip	Cancer Australia	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Statewide and National clinical registries for people with cancer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lung cancer - Hepatobiliary cancer - Upper GIT cancer - Pancreatic cancer 	Jennifer Philip & leads: Rob Stirling Stuart Roberts John Zalberg John Zalberg	Various funding	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Co-designing a quality of life and quality of care survey for the Victorian mesothelioma outcomes registry: views from people living with mesothelioma	Susan Harden , Penny Schofield, Jennifer Philip, Dami Samankula, Brian Healy, Karen Healy, Margaret Brand, Vicki Hamilton.	Victorian Cancer Council	Clare O'Callaghan Clare.OCALLAGHAN@svha.org.au

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Exploring trends over time: Early palliative care integration and the Victorian lung cancer registry	Nicola Aitkin , David Marco, Jaclyn Yoong, Patrick Steel, Jennifer Philip	NA	David Marco David.marco@svha.org.au
Develop CaLD Researchers Network - improving Equity in research	Christobel Saunders , Jennifer Philip	MDHS Diversity and Inclusion grant	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Designing early-access to palliative care for rural patients	Rebecca Disler , Jennifer Philip, et al	BGRF	Rebecca Disler rebecca.disler@monash.edu
Implementation of timely referral to outpatient palliative care services in regional Victoria: is it possible to improve outcomes? (TROPICAL-VIC)	Craig Underhill – Border medical oncology research unit , Jennifer Philip, et al	Victorian Cancer Agency Palliative Care Cancer Research Grants	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au

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Supervised projects		
Student/clinician led project supervised by a Palliative Care Precinct staff member		
Title	Student/Clinician (Degree/Institution)	Supervisor(s) (SVHM)
Improving support for families in the Intensive Care Unit: Development of an evidence-based model of care that will improve the preparedness of family members for dying, death and bereavement in the adult ICU	Alysia Coventry PhD, University of Melbourne	Peter Hudson
Health equity in cancer care with marginalised groups	Sophie Hatzipashalis PhD, University of Melbourne	Peter Hudson
Responding to psychosocial distress in advanced cancer patients receiving radiotherapy	Kath Turner PhD, University of Melbourne	Peter Hudson
What factors influence clinicians' decisions to make psychosocial referrals within community palliative care organisations in Australia?	Andrea Bryk PhD, University of Melbourne	Peter Hudson
A qualitative longitudinal study examining perceptions, attitudes and experiences of "Singing For Inspiration" Exploring the benefits of a singing for breathing program and other non-pharmacological approaches for people with severe non-malignant lung diseases	Lena Ly PhD, University of Melbourne	Jennifer Philip Peter Hudson
An audit of end-of-life care across 7 units at SVHM	Dr Georgia Harris Dr Jessie Rucker Dr Eleanor Beavis Dr Anna Bendall Dr Naomi Hall Dr Tian-Bai Qui Medical Trainees, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	Jennifer Weil David Marco Kathryn Ducharlet
Delivering palliative care in Sri Lanka: Understanding what a good death means and empowering the healthcare workforce to provide it	Lihini Wijeyaratne PhD, University of Melbourne	Jennifer Philip
Accelerating Pharmacogenomic guided opioid prescribing into Clinical Practice in cancer patients	Dr Aaron Wong Clinician researcher, University of Melbourne	Jennifer Philip
Caring for carers at discharge: Improving hospital to home transitions at end of life.	Celia Marston PhD, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Jennifer Philip

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The Use of Mirtazapine for the Management of Side Effects of Chemotherapy In Cancer Treatment: A Systematic Literature Review.	Dr Rebecca Dang SVHM Scholarly Projects: Psychiatry Registrar & Psychiatry Fellow	Clare O'Callaghan, Justin Dwyer
The Psychosocial Impact of Cancer of Unknown Primary: A Narrative Literature Review. Scholarly Project: Supervisor:	Dr Benjamin Pojer SVHM Scholarly Projects: Psychiatry Registrar & Psychiatry Fellow	Deniz Yaka
Mental Health in Palliative Care: Thematic analysis of a psychiatrist's and an art therapist's clinical reflexive journals. (with Tang Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore; 2019-)	Dr Wen Phei Lim Roxanne Chew Jia Yu SVHM Psychosocial Cancer Care, psychiatry training research	Clare O'Callaghan
"Take the tablet or don't take the tablet?" – Experiences and perceptions of people with cancer on medication adherence and treatment side effects: a qualitative study. Use of Design Science Research for Informing the Design and Development of a Mobile Solution to Improve Medication Adherence in Cancer.	Thu Ha Dang PhD, Swinburne University Thu Ha Dang PhD, Swinburne University	Clare O'Callaghan Clare O'Callaghan
Music therapy in palliative care: support to family caregivers for the improvement of the quality of life.	Paula Perez Nunez PhD, Psychology Department, University of Duesto, Spain.	Clare O'Callaghan (PhD Advisor 2020-)
Healthcare professionals' attitudes towards and knowledge of the clinical application of classic psychedelics for people with advanced illness.	Sam Barta Jo Brooker Student Project, Cairnmillar Institute	Clare O'Callaghan
Outcome measurements in different palliative care settings.	Manuel Barbosa PhD, University of Porto, Portugal	Beth Russell