

St Vincent's Palliative Care Precinct

Research Projects – November 2024 (Updated)

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, Marlena 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: TBA; 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 Saward	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 AM	Commonwealth of Australia	Molly Carlile AM molly.carlile@svha.org.au
PCRN program to enhance consumer and community engagement in palliative care (Voices for palliative care).	Jennifer Philip , Peter Hudson, Georgia Christopoulos	N/A	Georgia Christopoulos g.christopoulos@unimelb.edu.au
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
DEPART PAIN - A Phase III, international, multi-centre, double-blind, dose increment, parallel-arm,	Jennifer Weil , Indy Kherra	Improving Palliative, Aged and Chronic Care through Clinical Research and	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@svha.org.au

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randomised controlled trial of duloxetine versus pregabalin over 14 days for opioid unresponsive cancer-related neuropathic pain.		Translation (IMPACCT), Faculty of Health, University of Technology Sydney	
TUMORAD A Phase I/IIa, dose escalation and dose expansion, first-in-human, open-label, multicenter, single-arm study evaluating the safety, tolerability, dosimetry, and early efficacy of [177Lu]Lu-SN201 in participants with progressive or treatment-refractory locally advanced unresectable, metastatic or recurrent solid tumors.	Jennifer Weil , Indy Khera	Spago Nanomedical AB via Medical Imaging Department	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
Utilising the SPICT tool to improve recognition of the deteriorating patient in General Medical patients.	Navera Ahmed , Jennifer Weil, Hilton Gock, Tom Whelan, David Marco	N/A	Navera Ahmed navera.ahmed@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
Palliative care and Ambulance Victoria: New partnerships to improve urgent care in advanced illness.	Brian Le , David Marco, Esther McMillan-Drendel, Jennifer Philip, Madeleine Jührman		David Marco david.marco@svha.org.au

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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
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
Care Plus Extend: Regional and metropolitan collaborative models of delivery of early palliative.	Brian Le , Jennifer Philip	Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre Alliance	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
National Pancreatic Cancer Roadmap: developing pathways to pain management and early palliative care for people with pancreatic cancer.	Jennifer Philip	Cancer Australia	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	N/A	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

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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
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
Palliative Care Evaluation (PACE) – Community Connect, Palcare@Home.	Beth Russell , Tom Whelan, Jennifer Grace	N/A	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
Aquapro: Psilocybin-assisted psychotherapy for the treatment of depression and anxiety associated with life-	Margaret Ross , Martin Williams, Justin Dwyer, Mark Boughey, Clare O'Callaghan.	N/A	Margaret Ross margaret.ross@svha.org.au

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threatening illness. Includes an emphasis on examining music related experiences.			
St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne Scleroderma Supportive Care Service.	SVHM Palliative Care: Julie McDonald ; SVHM Rheumatology Dept	N/A	Julie McDonald Julie.McDonald@svha.org.au
Exploring hospital deaths after COVID.	David Marco, Jennifer Philip, Brian Le .	N/A	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
Sustainability and end-of-life care?	Cara Platts , Jennifer Philip	SVHM Research Endowment Fund (REF grant)	Cara Platts c.platts@unimelb.edu.au
To explore the perceptions of women from South-Asian ethnic/migrant backgrounds, and General Physicians (GPs), and oncologists in Victoria, Australia for breast cancer screening via mammogram.	Farwa Rizvi , Jennifer Philip	Shephard Foundation	Farwa Rizvi farwa.rizvi@unimelb.edu.au
Personalising pain relief for people with cancer – the right opioid for the right person at the right time.	Jennifer Philip , Aaron Wong	Thomas Roye James Bequest	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au

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

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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	Joachim Cohen , Peter Hudson, Agnes Van der Heide	Horizon 2020 – European Commission	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au

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and their Informal Caregivers (DIAdIC): An international randomized controlled trial.	Richard Harding, Kevin Brazil, Luc Deliens, Massimo Costantini, Mogens Groenvold, Charles Normand, Phil Larkin, Julie Ling, Isabelle Manneh-Vangramberen		
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	Jane Phillips , Jennifer Philip, Stacey Panozzo	Public Health and Chronic Disease Grant Program	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au

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prisons: a national co-design and capacity building project.		National Palliative Care Projects	
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 sources	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	N/A	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	Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation (BGRF)	Rebecca Disler rebecca.disler@monash.edu Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
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
Personalising pain relief for people with cancer – the right opioid for the right person at the right time.	Andrew Somogyi , Jennifer Philip, Aaron Wong	Australian New Zealand College of Anaesthetics	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
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
Exploring the nature and function of hope in the setting of advanced illness.	Mollie Wilson PhD, University of Melbourne	Jennifer Philip Peter Hudson
Exploring the value of palliative care.	Jo Kelly PhD, University of Melbourne	Peter Hudson Marie Gerdtz
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
Ethical and epistemic implications of emerging trends in the cancer clinical trial landscape.	Sarah Heynemann	Jennifer Philip
Exploring and understanding shared decision making in major surgery.	Debra Leung	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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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-)
Outcome measurements in different palliative care settings.	Manuel Barbosa PhD, University of Porto, Portugal	Beth Russell
Qualitative research training and inter-rating of findings in one study on developing a supported self-help program for late life depression amongst home aged care recipients in Australia.	Julie Kelly PhD candidate, Swinburne University	Clare O'Callaghan (Supervisor - qualitative component)