

St Vincent's Palliative Care Services

Current Projects –2025

Incorporating work from:

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

Current Research & Other projects			
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, Jennifer Phillips, Patsy Yates, Sophy Athan, Belinda Fazekas, Aline De Vleminck, Sungwon Chang, Kristina Thomas , Laurel Northouse; Project Manager: Tina Thomas; Clinical Trial Manager: Ines Oliveira de Sousa	The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au
PalliMate: Improving the quality of life of people with serious illness and their primary family carer together	Peter Hudson ; Angela Baird; Fiona Mckinnon; Chris Schilling; Melinda Collins; David Marco	St. Vincent's Hospital	Peter Hudson phudson@unimelb.edu.au
(Voices for palliative care). program to enhance consumer and community engagement in palliative care	Anna Collins, Jennifer Philip, Peter Hudson	N/A	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@svha.org.au Jennifer Philip jphilip@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, randomised controlled trial of duloxetine versus pregabalin over 14 days for opioid unresponsive cancer-related neuropathic pain.	Jennifer Weil, Indy Khera, Jennifer Philip	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

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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 Khara	Spago Nanomedical AB via Medical Imaging Department	Jennifer Weil jennifer.weil@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
Personalising pain relief for people with cancer – the right opioid for the right person at the right time.	Jennifer Philip , Aaron Wong	Thomas Royce James Bequest	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Trial optimising opioid use for cancer pain using precision medicine	Wong A, Philip J	Tour de Cure	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Optimising Opioid Treatment for Cancer Pain Using Precision Medicine	Wong A, Philip J	Peter Mac Foundation Grants	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
OPPtIC-2	Wong A, Philip J	Thomas James Royce	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.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 Khara .		Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Qualifying meaningful differences in nausea assessment.	David Marco, Jennifer Philip, Jennifer Weil , Phillip Good, Angela Baird, Indy Khara	SVHM REF The Angior Family Foundation	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
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

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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
REVITALISE – building clinical trial capability in regional Victoria.	Craig Underhill, Jennifer Philip	Medical Research Future Fund	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.au
Exploring the views of Thai nationals living in Australia around advance care planning	Pawita Limsomwong, Jennifer Philip , Anna Collins	No funding	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-threatening illness. Includes an emphasis on examining music related experiences.	Margaret Ross, Martin Williams, Justin Dwyer , Mark Boughey , Clare O'Callaghan.	N/A	Margaret Ross margaret.ross@svha.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	N/A	Justin Dwyer Justin.dwyer@svha.org.au
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
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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Sustainability and end-of-life care?	Cara Platts, Jennifer Philip	SVHM Research Endowment Fund (REF grant)	Cara Platts c.platts@unimelb.edu.au
Amplifying lived experience nationally to improve end-of-life for older Australians	Anna Collins, Jennifer Philip , Peter Hudson , Brian Le, Jason Mills	WICKING Trust	Anna Collins
Palliative Care Evaluation (PACE) – Community Connect, Palcare@Home.	Beth Russell , Tom Whelan , Jennifer Grace	N/A	Beth Russell beth.russell@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 Deearin; 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
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

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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
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
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, Phil Larkin, Julie Ling, Isabelle Manneh-Vangramberen	Horizon 2020 – European Commission	Peter Hudson peter.hudson@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

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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
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

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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 Zalcborg	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
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	Jennifer Philip jphilip@unimelb.edu.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	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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regional Victoria: is it possible to improve outcomes? (TROPICAL-VIC)			
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