

e-News

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About the PCRN

The purpose of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is to foster the evolution of collaborative scholarly inquiry in palliative care in Australia.

Objectives:

1. Influence the development of a critical mass of palliative care scholars in Australia.
2. Develop programs of research that focus on improving the quality of palliative care.
3. Facilitate opportunities to build relationships for collaboration and mentorship.
4. Raise awareness of grant opportunities, research training and research findings.

The PCRN is supported by the Department of Health, Victoria, Australia and administered by The Centre for Palliative Care (a Collaborative Centre of St Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne).

Research program to enhance patient and public involvement in palliative care in Australia: An implementation study

There are significant policy, health service and research imperatives to improving patient and community engagement in palliative care. Developing a program of research that focuses on consumer engagement was previously identified as a priority area in the statewide PCRN planning and engagement process. Furthermore, this area is highly relevant to the PCRN goal of fostering collaborative scholarly inquiry and it will provide opportunities for contribution from across Victoria and beyond.

Led by Dr Anna Collins and Dr Stacey Panozzo, this PRCN research program seeks to enhance patient and public involvement (PPI) in palliative care. It will focus on important opportunities in the areas of collaboration and partnership in research activities, contribution to service planning and delivery, and community-driven advocacy. In addition, attention will also be given to developing an evidence-based approach for patient and public involvement in the palliative care sector.

This 3-year program of work seeks to develop, implement, and evaluate a program to enhance patient and public involvement in palliative care in Australia. The specific aims include:

- To establish a Special Interest Group (SIG) to facilitate patient and public involvement in palliative care;
- To develop and implement a patient and public involvement model and suite of resources specific to palliative care;
- To measure the outcomes of enhancing patient and public involvement in palliative care.

For more information on the program, please contact Dr Stacey Panozzo at stacey.panozzo@svha.org.au

Useful Resources in Palliative Care Research

Please find below a sample list of useful resources which you can subscribe to in order to keep up with the latest palliative care news and publications on evidence-based palliative care research.

Media Watch, created and distributed by [Barry R. Ashpole](#) – to subscribe email: barryashpole@bell.net

E-Hospice – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).

Briefings in Palliative, Hospice, and Pain Medicine & Management – to subscribe to table of contents go to the [website](#).

CareSearch palliative care knowledge network – to subscribe to e-newsletter go to the [website](#).

All Ireland Institute of Hospice and Palliative Care (AIIHPC) – to subscribe to mailing list go to the [website](#).

Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2021

Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC – August 2022
(applications open in June 2021)

Equity Trustees – Viertel Foundation

Senior Medical Research Fellowship & Clinical Investigator Awards

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 30 April 2021

Ian Potter Foundation

(various grant opportunities)

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: various

Jack Brockhoff Foundation – Early Career Medical Research Grants Program

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 27 July 2021

John T Reid Charitable Trusts

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC
(applications open in June 2021)

Lung Foundation Australia

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC
(applications open in May 2021)

MS Research Australia

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: various

National Breast Cancer Foundation

Investigator Initiated Research Scheme (IIRS)

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 31 May 2021

NIB Foundation

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC
(applications open in April 2021)

VCCC Picchi Award for Excellence in Cancer Research 2021

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 11 May 2021

Upcoming Conferences

Please note: due to COVID-19, please check the relevant conference websites for the most recent updates/ information on conference status and dates.

International

22nd World Congress on Psycho-oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS 2021)

Dates: May 26-29, 2021

Location: Virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

24th International Philosophy of Nursing Conference

– Personhood: philosophies, applications and critiques in healthcare (IPONS 2021)

Dates: June 16-18, 2021

Location: Virtual/ Gothenburg, Sweden

[\[Website\]](#)

17th World Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (EAPC 2021)

Dates: October 6-8, 2021

Location: Virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

14th Asia Pacific Hospice Conference

Dates: November 13-14, 2021

Location: Virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

National

Grampians Regional Palliative Care Conference 2021

Dates: May 13-14, 2021

Location: Virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

48th Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: November 16-18, 2021

Location: Melbourne, VIC

[\[Website\]](#)

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference 2021 (PCA 2021)

Dates: September 7-10, 2021

Location: Virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

Recent Publications Relevant to PCRN Members

In each edition we will feature some recently published articles relevant to PCRN members. If you have published in a peer reviewed journal recently and the subject matter is relevant to the PCRN community, or if you come across key publications that foster evidence based palliative care, please email pcrn@svha.org.au with the subject 'PCRN Newsletter' and we will feature the publications in an upcoming edition.

Breen LJ, Johnson AR, O'Connor M, Howting D, Aoun SM. (2021). Challenges in Palliative Care Research on Family Caregivers: Who Volunteers for Interviews? *J Palliat Med.* 24(1):112-115.

Earp M, Cai P, Fong A, et al. (2021). Hospital-based acute care in the last 30 days of life among patients with chronic disease that received early, late or no specialist palliative care: a retrospective cohort study of eight chronic disease groups. *BMJ Open.* 11:e044196.

Grant M, de Graaf E, Teunissen S. (2021). A systematic review of classifications systems to determine complexity of patient care needs in palliative care. *Palliat Med.* doi: 10.1177/0269216321996983. [Epub ahead of print]

Grant M, Hudson P, Forrest A, Collins A, Israel F. (2021). Developing a model of bereavement care in an adult tertiary hospital. *Aust Health Rev.* 45(1):110-116.

Hardy J, Haywood A, Rickett K, Sallnow L, Good P. (2021). Practice review: Evidence-based quality use of corticosteroids in the palliative care of patients with advanced cancer. *Palliat Med.* 35(3):461-472.

Mesquita Garcia AC, Domingues Silva B, Oliveira da Silva LC, Mills J. (2021). Self-compassion In Hospice and Palliative Care: A Systematic Integrative Review. *J Hosp Palliat Nurs.* 23(2):145-154.

Perusinghe M, Chen KY, McDermott B. (2021). Evidence-Based Management of Depression in Palliative Care: A Systematic Review. *J Palliat Med.* Doi: 10.1089/jpm.2020.0659. [Epub ahead of print]

Queisi MM, Atallah-Yunes SA, Adamali F, Jonnalagadda N, Rastegar V, Brennan MJ, Kapoor A, Stefan MS. (2021). Frailty Recognition by Clinicians and its Impact on Advance Care Planning. *Am J Hosp Palliat Care.* 38(4):371-375.

Membership

The PCRN now has 420 registered members. Individuals with a genuine interest in enhancing the development of collaborative scholarly inquiry in palliative care in Australia are encouraged to join.

Membership is free.

To formalise your membership, please complete the [online form](#) on the PCRN website.

Forward e-news to a friend!

Please forward this newsletter to friends or colleagues interested in palliative care research.
They can also sign up for [free membership](#).

Contribute to the PCRN e-News

If your work is relevant to the PCRN community, or if you would like to share news relevant to palliative care research to the membership (i.e. call for participation in research study), please email pcrn@svha.org.au with the subject 'PCRN e-News submission' and we will feature your article or publication in an upcoming edition.

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