

e-News

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About the PCRN

The purpose of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) is to develop a platform for sustainable research collaboration. The PCRN is supported by the Department of Health and Human Services, Victoria, Australia. The Centre for Palliative Care (a Collaborative Centre of St Vincent's Hospital and The University of Melbourne) is the administering organization.

A New Direction in End of Life Care? Assessing the impact and consequences of the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying Act

Researchers from a number of universities, led by Monash University, are currently embarking on a four year NHMRC funded project to evaluate the impact and consequences of the Victorian Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Act.

The implementation of the VAD Act potentially has far-reaching implications for health policy, legislation, medicine and society. To assess its wider societal impact we are talking with people from different backgrounds and viewpoints. We are interested to have conversations with: clinicians, nurses, allied health professionals, policy makers, legislators, members of community groups, religious organisations, activist groups, and consumer groups.

The project has been approved by the Monash University Ethics Committee (Project ID 19884). Participation will involve completing a questionnaire and taking part in a (qualitative) interview and/or a focus group, and we may ask to follow up with you periodically.

At no stage will we name you or the organisation where you work, except for the organisation's category (e.g. hospital, government department, consumer group, religious organisation etc.). Individual participants will not be able to be identified, except with explicit permission.

These questions are particularly relevant in light of Covid-19 as it is important in order to consider how the global pandemic may affect decision-making with serious illness. We would especially like to interview geriatricians to understand how care and end of life care may be affected.

Download the flyer [here](#).

Call for participation in research study: “Practitioners learning assisted dying: The role of norms and empathy”

You are invited to participate in research concerning the assisted dying legislation in Victoria and how it will affect health practitioner well-being and norm development, particularly at work. This study is part of the research project titled “Practitioners learning assisted dying: The role of norms and empathy”. This research is being conducted by Emma Thomas, Winnifred Louis, and Monique Crane, and the project is supported by Flinders University, College of Education, Psychology and Social Work.

Health practitioners will be able to find out more and to participate in the research at the link below:
<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/assisted/>

Please share this invitation with other health practitioners, if appropriate. For any comments or questions about the study, please contact Madison Kho (details below) directly.

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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 (AIHPC) – to subscribe to mailing list go to the [website](#).

Upcoming Funding Opportunities 2020 / 2021

Bethlehem Griffiths Research Foundation

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC – August 2020
(applications open in June 2020)

Ian Potter Foundation

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 19 October 2020

Jack Brockhoff Foundation – Early Career Research Grants

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: 29 July 2020

John T Reid Charitable Trust

For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC
(applications open in June 2020)

MS Research Australia

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

National Breast Cancer Foundation

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

NIB Foundation

(various grant opportunities)
For more information visit the [website](#)
Closing date: TBC
(applications open in June 2020)

Upcoming Conferences

Please note: due to COVID-19 some planned conferences listed for 2020 would have been postponed/ cancelled/ conducted as a virtual online interactive meeting – please check the relevant conference websites for most recent updates/ info on conference status and dates.

International

9th International Conference of Patient and Family Centred Care

Dates: August 18-20, 2020
Location: Nashville TN, USA

[\[Website\]](#)

2020 Australian and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (ANZSPM) Biennial Conference

Dates: September 17-20, 2020
Location: Auckland, New Zealand

[\[Website\]](#)

11th World Research Congress of the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC 2020)

Dates: October 8-9, 2020
Location: interactive online/virtual

[\[Website\]](#)

23rd International Congress on Palliative Care

Dates: October 13-16, 2020
Location: Montreal, Canada

[\[Website\]](#)

22nd World Congress of Psycho-Oncology and Psychosocial Academy (IPOS 2020)

Dates: New dates to be scheduled
Location: Kyoto, Japan

[\[Website\]](#)

24th International Philosophy of Nursing Conference IPONS. Personhood: philosophies, applications and critiques in healthcare (IPONS 2021)

Dates: June 16-18, 2021
Location: Gothenburg, Sweden

[\[Website\]](#)

National

2020 ANMF Australian Nurses and Midwives Conference

Dates: September 10-11, 2020
Location: Melbourne, VIC

[\[Website\]](#)

47th Clinical Oncology Society of Australia (COSA) Annual Scientific Meeting

Dates: November 11-13, 2020
Location: Brisbane, QLD

[\[Website\]](#)

2020 Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA) Conference

Dates: November 22-23, 2020
Location: Melbourne, VIC

[\[Website\]](#)

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 pcrnv@svha.org.au with the subject 'PCRN Newsletter' and we will feature the publications in an upcoming edition.

Abu-Odah H, Molassiotis A, Liu J. (2020). Challenges on the provision of palliative care for patients with cancer in low- and middle-income countries: a systematic review of reviews. *BMC Palliat Care*. 19(1):55.

Bennardi M, Diviani N, Gamondi C, Stüssi G, Saletti P, Cinesi I, Rubinelli S. (2020). Palliative care utilization in oncology and hemato-oncology: a systematic review of cognitive barriers and facilitators from the perspective of healthcare professionals, adult patients, and their families. *BMC Palliat Care*. 19(1):47.

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Cruz-Oliver DM, Pacheco Rueda A, Viera-Ortiz L, Washington KT, Oliver DP.(2020). The evidence supporting educational videos for patients and caregivers receiving hospice and palliative care: A systematic review. *Patient Educ Couns*. doi: 10.1016/j.pec.2020.03.014. [Epub ahead of print]

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Hasson F, Nicholson E, Muldrew D, Bamidele O, Payne S, McIlfatrick S. (2020). International palliative care research priorities: A systematic review. *BMC Palliat Care*. 19(1):16.

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Kobel C, Morris D, Thompson C, Williams KE. (2019). Bereavement Support in Palliative Care: A National Survey of Australian Services. *J Palliat Med*. 22(8):933-938.

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Membership

The PCRN now has 418 registered members from around Australia and other countries such as Hong Kong, India, Malawi, Norway, the UK and USA. Individuals with a genuine interest in palliative care research may become individual members of the PCRN. Membership is free and some of the key benefits of membership include:

- An opportunity to network and collaborate with other palliative care researchers through PCRN seminars and forums;
- If opportunities arise around PCRN / other funding, members will be notified;
- Relevant information on PCRN website.

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, please email pcrnv@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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