

# Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC)

## About

The Palliative Care Clinical Studies Collaborative (PaCCSC) is a national, member-based network of participating Australia-wide researchers that aims to improve the wellbeing of people with life-limiting illnesses.

Our role is to engage in high-quality research that provides the evidence base to underpin and optimise quality health care practice for people with life-limiting illnesses.

Our commitment is to:

- continue to support and grow a network of researchers who collaborate to conduct high-quality clinical research in palliative care
- build the evidence base to support the quality use of medications and other interventions to positively influence healthcare practices and policies for people with life-limiting illnesses
- continue to build national capacity to support and facilitate high quality clinical research in palliative care and its translation into clinical practice, policy and community awareness

We have a network of ~20 Phase II and III trials around Australia. We are co-located with the IMPACCT Trials Coordination Centre (ITCC) at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS).

## Trial snapshot

- Phase III trials: Breathlessness Exertion and Morphine Sulphate Study (BEAMS); Life-Space Assessment-palliative care; Subcutaneous ketamine for depression; Morphine for breathlessness (MOP study); Risperidone for delirium; Sertraline for breathlessness
- Phase II/Feasibility trials: Lorazepam for anxiety; Gabapentin for uraemic pruritus (The UP study); Opioids for COPD (OPRA study).



## Services

- clinical trial design and protocol development
- independent review by the IMPACCT Scientific Advisory Committee
- review by the Qualitative Research Subcommittee to aid trial design and translation of findings
- a network of consumers who have been trained in clinical trials research by the Cancer Council NSW
- medical writers who assist with protocol development, literature reviews, ethics submissions, and grant applications
- clinical trial coordination through the IMPACCT Trials Coordination Centre (ITCC)
- independent Data Safety Monitoring Committee and Medical Monitor appointments and secretarial services
- recruitment assistance with a suite of recruitment initiatives and resources that can be tailored to suit your study

## Get in touch

If you have a study idea, get in touch for a chat about how we can help you prepare your idea for presentation at a workshop or committee for expert advice and feedback. Together with the ITCC we offer full support from idea development to clinical trial implementation.

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