

Medical Services



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Overview

Medical Services is responsible for providing support to all areas of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in all aspects of medical administration.

The service line manages and coordinates medical staff appointments and allocations, credentialing and privileges, medical education and training, the Private Practice Trust Fund (PPTF), medico-legal services, chaplaincy, Health Information Services (HIS) and the Safety and Quality Unit. It provides specialist advice to the Hospital and Health Service CEO and RBWH Executive in relation to medico-legal matters, recruitment, appointment, credentialing and privileges of medical staff and the handling of patient compliments and concerns.

The RBWH Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) falls under this service line. Its role is to consider applications to conduct research in the hospital, or to conduct research that involves patient participation. The committee provides recommendations as to whether or not, on ethical grounds, approval should be granted for research to proceed.

The Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education (CPCRE) is the main area of research. Medical Administration also undertakes research activities as part of quality improvement in health care service delivery.

The Safety and Quality Unit (SQU) is part of Medical Services and ensures good clinical governance is core business for the service line.

Key departments

- » Centre for Medical Officer Recruitment and Education (formerly Medical Education and Training Service)
- » Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education
- » Human Research Ethics Committee
- » Safety and Quality Unit

Executive and directing staff

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Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education



Prof. Patsy Yates
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Overview

The Centre for Palliative Care Research and Education (CPCRE) is a Queensland Health initiative. The centre's primary role is to enhance palliative care services in Queensland through research and education endeavours. To achieve these aims, CPCRE operates as a 'centre without walls', committed to building and fostering partnerships with the palliative care community in its endeavours.

The centre's work focuses on:

- » Developing the capacity of the palliative care workforce to provide quality palliative care
- » Improving the links between research and practice in palliative care
- » Undertaking research to enhance the quality of palliative care
- » Providing information which supports the delivery of palliative care services.

CPCRE is administered by a consortium of five organisations: Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (lead agency); The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH); Queensland University of Technology (QUT); Karuna Hospice Service and Check-up Australia.

An advisory board comprising consortium members and representatives from the palliative care community and Queensland Health guides CPCRE in its activities.

Research staff

Name	Qualifications	Position	Interests/specialties
Prof. Patsy Yates	RN, BA, DipAppSoc, MSocSci, PhD, FRCNA	Acting Director, Palliative Care Research and Education	palliative care, symptom management and supportive care
Prof. Janet Hardy	BSc, MBChB, MD, FRACP, FRChPM	Clinical Research Program Leader	palliative medicine research, evidence based symptom management
John Haberecht	RN, DipAppSci (Nurs), MEd, BA, GradDipArts, Cert IV Training and Assessment	Director, Learning and Development	end-of-life clinical pathways, improving access to palliative care education
Kym Griffin	RN, MN (Prac), Cert IV Leadership, Cert IV Frontline Management, Cert IV Training and Assessment, MPCNA, MONG, MPCQ	Research Officer	improving access to palliative care, improving access to good quality end-of-life care for non-oncological clients
Aurora Hodges	Cert IV Frontline Management	PEPA Manager Queensland	advance care planning, improving access to palliative care for all socio-economic groups
Darryl Lingwoodock	EN, Cert IV Training and Assessment, Cert IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mentoring	PEPA Indigenous Project Officer	improving access to palliative care for Indigenous peoples, closing the gap, and advancing reconciliation
Rosaleen Matters	EN, BBus	Executive Support Officer	improving access to palliative care

Supervised post-graduate students

Name	Current studies	Research topic
Boyd Orford, C.	PhD	Palliative care practices in high-intensity transplant setting
Ranse, K.	PhD	End-of-life care in the intensive care setting: Australian nurses' practice behaviours and factors influencing these practice behaviours
Chan, R.	PhD	Self-management associated with fatigue in patients with advanced cancer
Huang, Y.	PhD	End-of-life decision making among community members in Taiwan
Hope, C.	PhD	Evaluation of the implementation of a nurse led, evidence based tailored pain education intervention for people requiring palliative care
Fox, J.	Masters (Research)	Melanoma patients transitioning to palliative care – a grounded theory approach

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Name	Current studies	Research topic
Hughes, J.	Masters (Research)	Do measures of access block correlate to time to analgesia in painful conditions at a large tertiary emergency department
Tapsall, D.	Professional Doctorate	Design, implementation and evaluation of a new model of nurse education in the haematology oncology setting
Raj, B.	PhD	Improving analgesia in cancer patients
Hall, A.	PhD	The pharmaco-kinetic, pharmaco-dynamic and adverse event relationships of gabapentin and pregabalin in the management of persistent pain
McKeon, C.	Masters (Science)	Electroacupuncture in chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting

Research grants

Investigators	Research title	Granting body	Amount awarded	Years of funding
Yates P.	National coordination and management of the Program of Experience in the Palliative Approach (PEPA)	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing		2011-2014
Hope, C., Yates, P.	NHMRC Trip Fellowship 2010-2012	NHMRC	\$124,000	2010-2012
Yates, P., Mitchell, G., Connell, S., Skerman, H., Wilson, A.	Achieving needs-based end-of-life services: A prospective longitudinal study of the pathways for advanced cancer patients	Cancer Council Queensland	\$200,000	2011-2012
Colquist, S., Douglas, C., Anderson, D., Yates, P., McCarthy, N., Hargraves, M., White, K.	A behavioural intervention for managing menopausal symptoms in women with breast cancer	Cancer Council Queensland	\$130,825	2011-2014
Turner, J., Kelly, B., Clarke, D., Yates, P., Aranda, S., Jolley, D., Chambers, S., Hargraves, M. Mcfadyen, L.	Application of tailored therapies to reduce distress and depression in cancer patients: A randomised trial	Beyondblue	\$591,305	2010-2012
Yates, P., Hardy, J., Currow, D., Martin, P., Mitchell, G., Phillip, J., Hudson, P., Clavarino, A.	A randomised, controlled trial of aetiology-based, anti-emetic guidelines in reducing nausea in advanced cancer	NHMRC	\$1,111,000	2010-2012
Agar, M., Hardy, J., Currow, D. et al.	A randomised, controlled trial of oral risperidone versus oral haloperidol versus oral placebo with rescue subcutaneous midazolam in the management of delirium in palliative care inpatients	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing	\$158,464	2007-2012
Currow, D., Hardy, J., Fazekas, B., Shelby-Jones, T., et al.	A randomised double blind controlled trial of infusional subcutaneous octreotide in the management of bowel obstruction in people with advanced cancer	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing	\$157,080	2007-2012
Hardy, J., Currow, D., Fazekas, B., Shelby-Jones, T., Ashby, M. et al.	A randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of subcutaneous ketamine in the management of cancer pain	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing	\$212,481	2007-2012
Mitchell, G., Hardy, J., Currow, D., Nikles, J., Vora, R., Schulter, P., Yelland, M.	Using single patient trials to determine the effectiveness of psychostimulants in fatigue in advanced cancer patients	NHMRC	\$297,000	2007-2012
Nikles, C.J., Mitchell, G., Hardy, J., Currow, D., Vora, R., Schulter, P., Yelland, M.	Using n-of-1 trials to determine the efficacy of paracetamol in advanced cancer patients taking regular opioids	NHMRC	\$49,996	2008-2012

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Nikles, J., Mitchell, G., Hardy, J. et al	n-of 1 trials of pilocarpine vs placebo for dry mouth in palliative care patients	Cancer Council Queensland	\$81,680	2009-2012
Hardy, J., O'Shea, A., Norris, R., Charles, B.	Intranasal midazolam for the palliation of breathlessness in life limiting disease	JP Kelly Mater Health Services Research Fund	\$15,000	2009-2012
Broom, A., Adams, J., Yates, P., Kirby, E., Good, E., Wootton, J., Hardy, J.	Pathways to and through palliative care: a sociological study of patient, carer and clinical experiences at the end-of-life	Australian Research Council	\$165,830	2012-2015
Hardy, J.	Data management grant	Cancer Council Queensland	\$178,650	2010-2012
Hardy, J., O'Shea, A., Shannon, C., Morton, A.	Vitamin D deficiency in palliative care inpatients	Mater Foundation Palliative Care Research Fund	nil	2012
Hardy, J., Craig, J., O'Shea, A., Bowler, S.	A pilot study to assess sleep apnoea in patients taking opioids	Mater Foundation Palliative Care Research Fund; Queensland Sleep Disorder Clinic	nil	2011-2013
Hardy, J., Jones, J., Munster, D., Shannon, C.	Pilot study of intraperitoneal bevacizumab for the palliation of malignant ascities	Mater Foundation Palliative Care Research Fund	nil	2011-2012
Currow, D., Abernethy, A., Davidson, T., Hardy, J., Agar, M., Clark, K.	A randomised, double-blind, multi-site, parallel arm controlled trial to assess relief of refractory breathlessness comparing fixed doses of morphine, oxycodone and placebo	Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing	\$2,881	2012-2013
McKeon, C., Hardy, J., Tapuni, A.	A randomised, double-blind, placebo controlled study of oral vitamin C in conjunction with opioids for cancer pain	Mater Health Services Theme 2 Grant Funding Round 2012	\$8,210	2012-2013
Bista, S., Hardy, J., Norris, R., Haywood, A., Charles, B.	Optimising pain management with fentanyl in cancer patients	Mater Health Services Theme 2 Grant Funding Round 2012	\$8,500	2012-2013
Haywood, A., Norris, R., Hall, T., Hardy, J., Bruce, C., Pinkerton, R., Duley, J., Martin, J., Tapuni, A., Jenkins-Marsh, S., Bista, S.	Optimising pain management with fentanyl in patients with cancer	Griffith Health Institute Project Grant Scheme	\$10,000	2012-2013

Publications

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