

What are best practice service models in rural areas for the delivery of end of life and palliative care?

Included Studies:

Papers were included if they reported rural models of service delivery that are generalisable to the rural mid Wales Community, as stated by the requester.

1. Howell D, Howell D, Marshall D, Brazil K, Taniguchi A, Howard M, et al. A shared care model pilot for palliative home care in a rural area: impact on symptoms, distress, and place of death. *Journal of Pain & Symptom Management* 2011 Jul;42(1):60-75.
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3. Goodridge D, Duggleby W. Using a quality framework to assess rural palliative care. *J Palliat Care*. 2010 Autumn;26(3):141-50.
4. Pesut B, Pesut B. Feasibility of a rural palliative supportive service. *Rural & Remote Health* 2015: 15(2):3116-Jun.
5. Kuziemsky C, Jewers H, Appleby B, Foshay N, Maccaull W, Miller K, Macdonald M. Information technology and hospice palliative care: social, cultural, ethical and technical implications in a rural setting. *Informatics for Health and Social Care* 2012 Jan; 37(1):37-50
6. Hebert MA, Hebert MA. Potential and readiness for video-visits in rural palliative homecare: Results of a multi-method study in Canada. *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare* 2006;.12(Suppl 3).43-45
7. Phillips JL, Davidson PM, Newton PJ, Digiacomio, Phillips JL. Supporting patients and their caregivers after-hours at the end of life: the role of telephone support. *Journal of Pain & Symptom Management* 2008 Jul;36(1):11-21

Excluded Studies:

A number of studies have been excluded due to various reasons including the following: No focus on innovative service models in rural areas, papers look at experiences and views of palliative care in rural areas, palliative care without suggestions on how to improve the service and descriptions of approaches to palliative care provision. For full list of excluded studies please contact PaCERSWCRC@cardiff.ac.uk

Additional materials available upon request:

- Critical appraisal / data extraction forms
- Search strategies
- List of excluded studies

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