

<b>Title</b>	<b>Setting palliative care research priorities: A consultative process of the Palliative Care Research Network Victoria (PCRNV)</b>
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Abstract	<p>Background: Establishing collaborative palliative care research groups can overcome some of the challenges and barriers to palliative care research. The Palliative Care Research Network Victoria (PCRNV), a government funded initiative, has recently completed a process of setting palliative care research priorities. Method: Two workshops were conducted with the members of the PCRNV Scientific Committee, to explore and identify seven draft research priority areas. A wider survey of the palliative care community was then conducted to obtain feedback and consensus on the draft priority areas. In total, 115 people completed the survey, including 9 consumers. Results: All priority areas scored a mean of 7 or higher by participants on level of importance. The top two rated priority areas were non-malignant disease and transition to palliative care and family interventions. Discussion: Due to the high level of consensus from participants that the seven priority areas were all important, the PCRNV Scientific Committee made no adaptations to the priority areas. The PCRNV Research Priority areas have been disseminated to the Victorian palliative care community and incorporated into the PCRNV research strategy. They will assist researchers to target research efforts and funding applications to those areas considered to be a priority by Victorian clinicians, consumers, researchers and the international literature.</p>