

## Congratulations to recipients of the Palliative Care Research Network (PCRN) Small Project Grants 2017

We are thrilled to announce the outcomes of the new PCRN initiative that was funded by the Victorian Cancer Agency. The aim of this initiative was to increase the pool of experienced researchers that are able to conduct high quality research into palliative care in cancer patients. The response to this inaugural funding initiative was overwhelming and we received many applications across Victoria.

The PCRN awarded three grants and the successful applicants and their research projects are listed below:

Research Project	Principal Researcher	Administering Institution	Amount
Understanding patients' and family members' clinical trial experiences and perspectives about palliative care's relevance.	Dr Justin Dwyer	St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne	\$25,000
Mapping patterns of care for people with pancreatic cancer: how close are we to the Optimal Care pathway recommendations?	Ms Allison Drosdowsky	The University of Melbourne/ Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	\$24,862
Understanding spiritual views and requirements of caregivers of people living with serious illnesses.	Dr Clare O'Callaghan	Cabrini Health	\$9,690