

# Review of healthcare policy changes in regards to prescribing of psychotherapeutic medications in the palliative care setting in Australia.

## UQ Winter Research Program Project Description

<b>Project Title</b>	Review of healthcare policy changes in regards to prescribing of psychotherapeutic medications in the palliative care setting in Australia
<b>Project duration:</b>	Duration of the project, 4 weeks during winter program.
<b>Expected hours per week:</b>	Hours of engagement - 32 hrs per week onsite
<b>Campus:</b>	Mater Research – Aubigny Place (South Brisbane)
<b>Description:</b>	<p>Program background – medicinal cannabis research program.</p> <p>Description of project:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There has been the introduction of prescribing of several psychotherapeutic medications – psychedelics and medicinal cannabis for therapeutic use without going through rigorous trials.</li> </ol> <p>Hypothesis: This has been a change in healthcare policy in Australia that has been consumer driven.</p> <p>Aim:</p> <p>Review healthcare policy changes in Australia (and compare to rest of world) in regards to the new availability of psychotherapeutic medications (with an emphasis on use in palliative care setting).</p> <p>Include the health economic impact on consumer use of these medications when they are not available on the PBS.</p> <p>Approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Narrative review of changes to healthcare policy of psychotherapeutic medications in Australia.</li> <li>2. Include health economic impact upon consumers</li> <li>3. Discuss some approaches/improvements going forward</li> </ol>
<b>Expected outcomes and deliverables:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn about healthcare policy</li> <li>2. Develop skills of doing a review and publishing articles</li> </ol>

<b>Suitable for:</b>	Students with an interest in health policy/health economics.
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