



Project Title: Patients' perspectives of pain in dialysis: systematic review and thematic synthesis of qualitative studies		Code: SPH11
Host School / Institute: Sydney School of Public Health		Address: Centre for Kidney Research, The Children's Hospital at Westmead
Certificates & Clearances required: Yes *Police clearance		
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Project Type: Qualitative Analysis; Literature Review; Clinical		
Project Category: Nephrology/Urology; Public Health		
Skills / Attributes of a successful student: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Strong interest in patient-centred outcomes research-Interest in chronic conditions including chronic kidney disease-Able to relate well to others and work well independently and as part of a team-Must have a high level of written and verbal communication skills		
Project Keywords: pain; patient-centred care; symptoms; patient-reported outcomes		
<p>Project Description: Pain is one of the most prevalent and debilitating symptoms experience by patients on dialysis. Pain can limit physical and social functioning, ability to work, and can affect patients' decisions about treatment. The aim of this project is to describe the experiences and perspectives of pain in patients on dialysis. The findings will be used to inform measures, strategies and interventions that address pain, to improve patient-centred outcomes in the context of dialysis.</p> <p>Qualitative research provides detailed and in-depth insights into the meaning and impact of pain from the perspective of patients on dialysis. Thematic synthesis of multiple qualitative studies can generate a diversity of insight on participants' perspectives across different healthcare settings and populations.</p> <p>This study will involve a comprehensive search to identify all relevant qualitative studies on patients' perspectives on pain in dialysis, critical appraisal of eligible studies, coding and analysing qualitative data with the use of computer software. The student will co-author the manuscript for submission to a peer-reviewed journal, and may have the opportunity to present at conferences. The student will gain research skills in literature searching, critical appraisal of qualitative research, coding qualitative data using computer software, synthesis of qualitative research, research presentation, manuscript writing, reference management; and a broad understanding of qualitative research methods and methodology.</p>		