

**Table 1** General Practice ACP Activity 2012

Activity	GP Project Activity	Overall Program Activity (Total Activity)
Referrals	1345	2071
Completed Plans	1174	1531
Declined	25	61
Deceased	16	139

Choices (RPC) program, 18 General Practice Clinics from within the Barwon region and the Barwon Medicare Local.

**Aim** To engage with General Practitioners in providing advance care planning (ACP) to their patients demonstrating a sustainable ACP model for general practice.

**Methods** Funding provided by Barwon Health for 2.0 EFT ACP Facilitator positions.

Key stakeholders were engaged and Memorandum of Understanding developed.

Participating practices were identified through an expression of interest and GPs were encouraged to complete their own ACP. Patients with chronic or life limiting illness and aged were the target population including other interested individuals. This was achieved via the >75 Health Assessment, Chronic Disease Management Planning and routine consultations. Engagement with GP staff occurred collaboratively with Barwon Medicare Local throughout the project period.

**Results** Providing trained staff from a funded ACP program to 18 practices in the Geelong region has resulted in 1350 referrals for ACP and a completion rate of 87% (1174). From this cohort, there have been 295 in-patient episodes of care with a number of ACP's implemented as required.

**Discussion** Similar findings to the smaller 2010 pilot study have been demonstrated through patients exhibiting a high rate of acceptance, participation, document completion and satisfaction when ACP is provided through GP's.

**Conclusion** This larger study has demonstrated that General Practice is integral to the commencement of ACP discussions in the community, where there is established trust and confidence and whilst patients are

**Table 2** Barwon Health's Respecting Patient Choices program data

	2006–2007 (2 years)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Referrals	500	440	534	736	801	2045
Contacts		1034	1473	1981	2652	4521
Completed plans	248	197	269	363	406	1509
Declined		22	19	30	23	58
Reviews		24	214	433	711	912
Deaths	68	36	89	106	135	135

#### 46 IMPLEMENTATION OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (ACP) IN GENERAL PRACTICE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF OUTREACH ACP FACILITATORS

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**Background** Following the success of the smaller 2010 pilot study, this initiative was 12 month collaboration between Barwon Health's Respecting Patient

‘relatively well’, in the absence of acute illnesses. Barwon Health’s catchment includes a higher proportion of older persons in comparison to the state average and is therefore significant that the general awareness of ACP is raised routinely within the community.