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# **DIGNITY OF LIFE AND PERSON-CENTRED PROCESSES FOR ADVANCE CARE PLANNING IN THE COMMUNITY**

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**Background** As life expectancy increases, so do the number of elderly people living with advanced life-limiting chronic illness, including prolonging life through artificial or mechanical means. The aim of Advance Care Plans is to ensure that individual's treatment wishes and preferences are known and respected.

**Aim** Whilst research continues in regard to the development of electronic Advance Care Plans in the palliative care setting and residential aged care setting, there is a need to understand the relevance and practicality of developing Advance Care Plans for use by elderly people living with life-limiting chronic illnesses in the community.

## **Methods**

1. Systematic review—models of Advance Care Planning for elderly people living in the community
2. Meta- analysis and meta-synthesis
3. Interviews—sample of ACP programme stakeholders and community dwelling elderly (early 2013)

**Results** Seventy-one papers resulted from the search strategy with 17 papers selected for review. A meta-analysis and meta-synthesis has informed our

proposed model for electronic Advance Care planning in the community—the Dignity of Life Model (a person-centred and dignity of life focussed approach). Interview data will inform the relevance and practicality of this proposed model.

**Discussion** This research will assist to understand the relevance and practicality of developing an electronic Advance Care Plan (eAPC) for use by elderly people living with life-limiting chronic illnesses in the community.

**Conclusion** Provide guidance on a model for electronic Advance Care Plan (eAPC) for use by elderly people living with life-limiting chronic illnesses in the community.