

Practitioner practice; Maori patients in a medical ward; Assessment Treatment and Rehabilitation Service; Aged Residential Care Facility. Clinical staff in the pilot areas had ACP conversations with elderly participants. Clinical staff raised ACP awareness with the general public.

**Results** Of the 82 participants, 75% were interested in continuing ACP conversations (verbal and/or documented) with appropriate people for example, family/whanau; health professionals; lawyers. The pilot evaluation and recommendations identified several key areas, including outcomes and challenges that are being addressed collaboratively across the sectors. These are forming the basis for a Wanganui district wide application of ACP, that are in align with national and regional directions.

**Discussion** An integrated approach has been a successful way to introduce ACP to Wanganui region stakeholders, and has enabled significant progress in a short period of time.

**Conclusion** Findings to-date, indicate the Wanganui pilot supports an integrated approach for ACP across the specialist; primary and community services, with a common vision, shared processes and systems to improve end of life health care for the elderly.

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#### PILOTING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FOR AN ELDERLY POPULATION WITHIN A PROVINCIAL CITY

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**Background** Advance Care Planning (ACP) has been introduced into New Zealand in recent years. New Zealand National ACP Cooperative has developed ACP tools and resources. Wanganui is a provincial region (population 62 000 and above average elderly age group), and took the opportunity to take an integrated approach for piloting and implementing the Cooperatives tools.

**Aim** To implement ACP within Wanganui region and gain sector-wide engagement and coordination (integration).

**Methods** The 6 month pilot trialled the National ACP tools in primary and secondary areas; General