INPLASY PROTOCOL

A Meta analysis of Hospice care in Chinese intensive care unit

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INTRODUCTION

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**METHODS**

**Participant or population:** Chinese adult patients (> 18 years of age) admitted to the intensive care unit.

**Intervention:** Hospice care interventions.

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**Study designs to be included:** Randomised controlled trials.

**Eligibility criteria:** Inclusion criteria: 1. All Chinese adult patients (> 18 years of age) admitted to the intensive care unit 2. Palliative care intervention 3. Controlled trials Exclusion criteria include the following: Case series 1. Opinion paper/commentary 2. Review article 3. Lack of quantitative data 4. Conference abstracts/grey literature 5. Full text not available.

**Information sources:** MEDLINE, Ovid, Cochrane, CNKI, VIP, WanFang Med Online.

**Main outcome(s):** The primary aim of the present study is to compare the numbers and types of PC interventions in ICU, and their impact on stakeholder (patient, family, clinician, other) outcomes.

**Data management:** End Note.

**Quality assessment / Risk of bias analysis:** Methodological quality of included randomized control trials will be assessed using Cochrane Collaboration’s tool for assessing risk of bias. The following domains will be assessed for RCTs: random sequence generation, allocation concealment, blinding of sequence generation, allocation concealment, blinding of participants and personnel, blinding of outcome assessment, incomplete outcome data, selective reporting and other bias. The risk of bias in each domain will be judged as either low, moderate, high or unclear.

**Strategy of data synthesis:** The initial analysis will be of a descriptive nature. The hospice care interventions and outcomes will be described. Where there is homogeneity between studies in the palliative care interventions used and measured outcomes, we will compare outcomes.

**Subgroup analysis:** We will assess the effect of these interventions on the domains of patient/family-, clinician-, systems-, content-related outcomes, evaluating the different PC models.

**Sensibility analysis:** The sensibility analysis of the factors affecting the outcomes will be relatively systematically made.

**Country(ies) involved:** China.

**Keywords:** hospice care, intensive care unit, palliative care.

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