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Pharmacovigilance in hospice/palliative care: the net immediate and short-term effects of dexamethasone for anorexia

A recent publication in BMJ Supportive and palliative care illustrates the potential value of routinely collected clinical data and shows how clinical services can engage in collaborative service improvement projects even if they do not necessarily have the infrastructure to participate in randomised controlled trials (Hatano et al. Pharmacovigilance in hospice/palliative care: the net immediate and short-term effects of dexamethasone for anorexia).

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9th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care

Palliative Medicine has recently published the abstracts of the 9th World Research Congress of the European Association for Palliative Care (doi:10.1177/0269216316646056). For those who were unable to attend the conference (and even those who were there but were unable to absorb all of the information that was presented), this provides a valuable resource. It is a valuable resource which documents the wide variety of research occurring across Europe. It is worth searching the abstract book for terms such as “randomised controlled trial” or “systematic review” in order to get a feel for how the quality of the evidence available to help inform our decision making is slowly growing.

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