

Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs Committee  
Department of the Senate  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have only recently heard about the inquiry into services and treatment options for persons with cancer. I noticed that the terms of reference include "differing models and best practice for addressing psycho/social factors in patient care". I have been involved in research in this area for the last fifteen years, in the University of Melbourne, and related hospitals. I am attaching a list of publications which have emerged from this work. I find it difficult to summarise my experience briefly but would be pleased to forward copies of the publications or address the committee directly.

In summary I might say that comprehensive care of people with cancer requires close attention to the psychological and social. We are gathering pertinent knowledge and need to think carefully about how to extend this knowledge and how to apply it to the clinical sphere.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

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