

The Palliative Care Research Network Presents:
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of life: Some empirical findings**



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Thursday, 30th November 2017

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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Level 2, Clinical Sciences Building

St. Vincent’s Hospital Melbourne

29 Regent St, Fitzroy VIC 3065

“Community members’ knowledge of and perceptions about the role of law at the end of life: Some empirical findings”

By Professor Lindy Willmott (Queensland University of Technology, QLD)

Law can have a significant role in medical decision-making at the end of life. For example, it governs whether individuals can insist on certain kinds of treatment, or having their wishes followed if they lose capacity, or whether they can receive pain relief at levels that may also hasten their death. This presentation reports on preliminary findings of empirical research into knowledge of community members about the law, as well as their perceptions about the role that law plays at the end of life.

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She has been a Chief Investigator on a number of Australian Research Council and NHMRC research projects. Between 2002 and 2007 she was a part-time member of the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Lindy is a Board Member of Palliative Care Australia, an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, and is on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Law and Medicine*.

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