

Developing a Practice-Based Research Agenda for Grief and Bereavement Care

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

grief and bereavement care

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

Australia - Australia

Why was it conducted at all?

The development of a research agenda for grief and bereavement care, from the perspectives of practitioners, will provide a shift away from the typical, uni directional relationship between research and practice and instead will provide a practice-based agenda for researchers to respond to key issues and challenges to those who provide grief and bereavement care. Doing so would help address the research-practice gap in grief and bereavement care. By determining grief and bereavement care practitioners' research priorities, researchers can investigate research topics that are likely to be more useful and readily transferable to improving the lives of grieving people.

What was the objective?

to identify practitioners' perspectives on current research priorities in grief and bereavement care

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 10 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

No information provided.

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

Delphi

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: Delphi round 1: participants were asked to write down their top five areas or topics they thought should be prioritized in future grief and bereavement research, 602 priorities submitted. Step 2: data processing: resulting in 7 broad categories and 62 priority statements. Step 3: Delphi round 2: participants were asked to rate each statement. Step 4: Delphi round 3: participants asked to rank their top 10 priorities

Which stakeholders took part?

Members of Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement: practitioners with expertise in the area of grief and bereavement: social workers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, chaplains. Delphi round 1: 140 participants, Delphi round 2: 84 participants. Delphi round 3: 70 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

Potential participants were invited to participate in the study via the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement's monthly e-newsletter.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.