

## NATIONAL CARE OF THE DYING AUDIT – HOSPITALS (NCDAH) SECOND ROUND - 2008/2009



The Marie Curie Palliative Care Institute Liverpool (MCPCIL) in collaboration with the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) is pleased to announce the second round of this national audit. This audit is supported by the Department of Health and Marie Curie Cancer Care. It is part of a continuous quality improvement programme in care of the dying, and is building on the success of the first round carried out in 2006/2007.

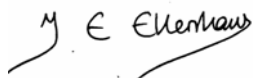
The first round examined data from 2672 patients from 118 hospitals over a 3 month period whose care in the dying phase was delivered and documented using the Liverpool Care Pathway for the dying patient (LCP). It showed that while standards of symptom control for the individual patient were high, there was a need for improvement in communication (particularly with patients and primary care), the assessment of spiritual need and information sharing both before and after the death of the patient. (Full report available at [www.mcpcil.org.uk](http://www.mcpcil.org.uk))

The timetable for the second round is:

<b>Registration (OPENS)</b>	<b>Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008</b>
<b>Data collection period</b>	<b>Autumn 2008</b>
<b>Reporting Period</b>	<b>Summer 2009</b>
<b>Regional Workshops</b>	<b>Autumn 2009</b>

The results of this second round, based on Version 11 of the LCP, will enable the development of LCP Version 12.

We'll be coming out to you again soon with more information about how to register for this important audit.



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