Interprofessional Collaboration in Palliative Care

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“Interprofessional Collaboration occurs when there is a partnership between a team of health providers and a client in a participatory, collaborative and coordinated approach to shared decision-making around health and social issues” (CIHC 2010 p24)
The Interprofessional Collaboration & Palliative Care Connection

- Palliative care - a social model of care that advocates a holistic interprofessional perspective

- Many assumptions
Rational and Significance

**Known**
- The broad parameters of interprofessional collaboration
- It’s a complex social process

**Unknown**
- How interprofessional collaboration translates into practice
- How to sustain this once it is achieved
What is the main concern of patients/families and health professionals working collaboratively in palliative care and how do they manage that?
The Literature

1. International developments
2. Terminological confusion
3. Social developments
International Developments

- 1970’s
- 1980’s
- 1990’s
- 2000’s

- UK
- Canada
- Australia
- New Zealand?
Terminological Confusion
The Social Context
Study Design

- Classic Grounded Theory
  - A systematic generation of theory from data
  - Inductive methodology
  - An integrated set of conceptual hypothesis
  - Well suited to discovering the participants problem and then generating a theory accounting for the processing of the problem (Glaser 1998)
Aim

- To identify the main concern of patients/families and health professionals working collaboratively in palliative care and find out how they manage that.
Participants – 30 to 40

- Health professional or palliative patient/family caregiver
- Minimum input of 3 health care professionals
- Location – Auckland / Midland regions
- Language - English

- Health professionals working at Hospice Waikato
- Patients in terminal stage of illness
- Doesn’t meet the inclusion criteria
Recruitment
Vulnerability
Data Collection,

- Interviews
- Taping vs field notes
Coding. Categorising, Memoing & Theoretical Sampling
Rigour and Credibility

- Fit
- Workability
- Relevance
- Modifiability
The End!