

Pain, Depression and Dementia Project

Pain, depression and dementia are frequent comorbid conditions in residential aged care. Unfortunately, there have been relatively few studies that examine the relationship between pain and depression in persons with dementia and evidence to treat comorbid pain and depression is currently lacking.

Funded by State Trustees of Victoria, this project specifically monitors changes in both pain and depression in persons with dementia when administered analgesics.

By completion, we will have important new insights into the relationship between pain and depression in people with dementia residing in aged care. The improved evidence base will help guide future clinical management of both pain and depression, and ultimately contribute to an improved quality of life for those older persons with dementia who also suffer from pain and depression.

The expected completion date for the study is 2017.