

FROM THE IDEA TO THE PUBLICATION: A STEP BY STEP PRESENTATION OF A PROJECT

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When we read a paper in a scientific journal, it is difficult to envisage all the steps taken and hours spent since the initial idea for the project and its final appearance as a paper in a journal. What are the steps involved in this process? What needs to be done and known prior to even beginning the research?

There are problems and difficulties in carrying out palliative care research e.g. ethical issues, the recruitment and attrition of patients to name but a few – careful thought, discussion, collaboration and planning are necessary and can prevent many of the common pitfalls. What happens when the data has been collected – statistical advice needs to be sought prior to starting the project and as an on-going process. What are the key stages in writing a paper for publication and submission e.g. journal style, clarity, referencing etc.?

This presentation will use an example of a project which has been published to illustrate the above points.