Reviewer’s report

Title: Case conferences general practitioners and specialist teams to plan end of life care of people with end stage heart failure and lung disease: exploratory pilot study

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The population studied looks appropriate with 10/23 patients dying during the study period. The methodology has been applied in the cancer setting and it is suitably applied to the non-cancer population.

The authors do qualify their findings by stating this is not a RCT but a pre and post study. I think it would help if they expanded the discussion around the possible reasons for the observed reductions in health care utilisation.

I think the positive points such as taking the case conference to the GP and the nurses learning from the palliative care contact are worth emphasising.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests