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Title: A scoping review of initiatives to reduce inappropriate or non-beneficial hospital admission and bed days in people nearing the end of their life: Much innovation but limited supporting evidence

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This scoping review seeks to explore the landscape of end of life care. Many of those affected would prefer to avoid unnecessary/inappropriate hospital admissions and days spent in a hospital bed.

We ask what initiatives have been trialled to prevent this happening and whether there is evidence as to their benefit.

We believe that no one has so far attempted to gain a comprehensive overview of this issue. Our research was complicated by differences in terminology and definitions of success.

Certain initiatives appear to be gaining in popularity but evidence as to benefit is often lacking.