

## UQ Summer or Winter Research Project Description

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<b>Project title:</b>	<b>Exploring stakeholder perspectives on definition of psychotropic medications for aged care regulation: a qualitative study</b>
<b>Project duration, hours of engagement &amp; delivery mode</b>	This six week project requires 20-36 hours per week engagement and applicants will have flexible working arrangement.
<b>Description:</b>	<p><b>Background:</b> The safety concerns and limited benefit of psychotropic medications in Australian aged care setting led to major change in regulatory requirements. For this purpose, any drug capable of affecting the mind, emotions, and behaviour is considered as psychotropic medication. A wide range of medications fall under this definition, which can have aged care practice implications. It is not clear how aged care stakeholders perceive this definition and the approach(es) they take to meet the regulatory requirements within the scope of this definition.</p> <p><b>Aim:</b> To examine aged care stakeholders' perspective towards definition of psychotropic medication and their approach to meet the associated regulatory requirements.</p> <p><b>Approach:</b> Qualitative data from semi-structure interview that was collected from key stakeholders of aged care provider organisations as a part of a larger project will be used for this study. The data will be thematically analysed using a Qualitative Data Analysis Software until saturation will be achieved. This will result in themes around the aim of this project.</p> <p><b>Implication:</b> The outcome of this project will provide evidence on the effect of the current definition of psychotropic medication in aged care practice to the concerned regulatory bodies for the first time. Whether necessary appropriate guidance could be derived from the recommendations of this project.</p>
<b>Expected outcomes and deliverables:</b>	Successful completion of this project will help the candidate to gain insight into qualitative research, to develop skill to use NVivo software for qualitative data analysis including data coding and theme development, to develop skill to write research paper and have an opportunity to generate research publication. Candidate may also be asked to produce a report or oral presentation at the end of their project.
<b>Suitable for:</b>	This project is open to applications from students with a background in quality use of medicine.
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