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*Emergency Department Attendance towards the End of Life by People with Cancer: A Mixed Methods Study*

**Background:**
Emergency department visits towards the end of life by people with cancer are increasing over time. This is despite evidence of an association with poor patient outcomes, the majority of patients preferring home-based care and significant overcrowding and capacity concerns for most emergency departments across the UK.

**Aim:**
To investigate emergency department utilisation towards the end of life by people with cancer.

**Data and methods:**
A mixed methods study with a concurrent triangulation design, comprising of four major components: a systematic review and meta-analysis, a quantitative study using merged data from three mortality follow-back surveys, a qualitative collective case study (with data collected through semi-structured patient and caregiver interviews, and review of patients’ healthcare records), and integration using a triangulation strategy where study findings will be assessed for convergence, complementarity and/or areas of dissonance.