

## **NICaN AHP Brief Research Proposal Template**

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### **The proposal (max 2 x A4 pages)**

**The clinical question – hypothesis:** Determining which type of pressure relieving cushion is most effective in achieving comfort for patients with a diagnosis of protruding rectal tumour.

**The study background:** This client group experience increased pain and discomfort upon sitting which can have a negative impact on their QOL and participation in ADLs.

**The rationale for the new research:** Strong evidence could influence the purchase of a wider selection of cushions that are more appropriate to this client group in the community

**A basic study plan:** Use a prospective study of patients with a diagnosis of protruding rectal cancer who are receiving a long course of radiotherapy. Provide each patient with a selection of cushions during their in-patient stay and rate the patient's level of comfort using daily journals and visual analogue scales