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Oral Care of Palliative Care Patients - Carers' and Relatives' Experiences. A Qualitative Study.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Search history

Search strategies targeted to the following sites using Google.co.uk:

tumblr.com; medium.com; wordpress.com; squarespace.com; blogger.com; wix.com; weebly.com

(hospice OR palliative) ("dry mouth" OR "oral care" OR "sore mouth" OR mouthrinse OR mouthwash) ("my mother" OR "my father" OR "my husband" OR "my wife")

(hospice OR palliative) (mouth (wet OR water OR moisten) (sponge OR sip)) ("my mother" OR "my father" OR "my husband" OR "my wife")

Search strategies targeted to the following site using Google.co.uk:

community.macmillan.org.uk

(mouth OR oral (wet OR water OR moisten OR moist) (sponge OR swab)) ("my mum" OR "my dad" OR "my mother" OR "my father" OR "my husband" OR "my wife")

("dry mouth" OR "oral care" OR "mouth care" OR "sore mouth" OR mouthrinse OR mouthwash) ("my mum" OR "my dad" OR "my mother" OR "my father" OR "my husband" OR "my wife")

hospice mouth (sponge OR swab)

Searches conducted on the 25/01/2017

Appendix 2

Table 1. Demographic data

Participant number	Country*	Blog/ discussion forum	Author*	Description
1	USA	Blog	Female in her late 50's early 60's	The post on 29/05/2013 describes her father's experience in a hospice.
2	USA	Blog	Female in her late 50's early 60's	Blog giving advice/ sharing experiences with people who care for Alzheimer's patients. Author's mum has Alzheimer's.
3	USA	Blog	Female in her early 50's	The post on 09/05/2015 describes the author's relationship with her grandmother and the grandmother's final days.
4	USA	Blog	Male	Son-in-law reports on his mother-in-law's last months and his and his wife's role as carers.
5	USA	Blog	Female	A daughter's reflection on her father's cancer journey, the lessons learned the grief process and the value of faith.
6	USA	Blog	Female	A daughter's reflection on her father's final days and the importance of her and her family's faith.
7	USA	Blog	Female	A daughter's reflection on her mother's final years and her role as a carer.
8	Canada	Blog	Female	A daughter's reflection on her mother's journey: from diagnosis of pancreatic cancer until her death.
9	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Query from daughter whose father has throat cancer.
10	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Daughter worried that her actions might have contributed towards her father's distress.
11	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Wife, whose husband is about to start intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy, seeks advice on how to address the effects of the treatment.
12	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Wife of cancer patient describes a specific symptom, dry mouth, and how to address it.
13	UK	Discussion forum	?	Author states the trauma of witnessing his/her mother painful death.
14	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Daughter provides an update on mother's condition.
15	UK	Discussion forum	Female starts discussion	Daughter wonders whether father is about to die.
16	UK	Discussion forum	Male starts discussion	Father, whose daughter died, describes chronologically his daughter's cancer journey.

*Information assumed from text references.