

PCOC

palliative care
outcomes collaboration

The Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC) is a nationally funded program designed to embed clinical assessment tools into routine clinical practice.

PCOC captures clinically meaningful information across a patient's disease trajectory to facilitate improved patient outcomes. This is achieved by:

Clinical assessment tools

Five standardised and validated tools.

Education

Suite of education programs.

National dataset for palliative care

Point of care assessments collected and submitted every six-months.

Outcome measurement and benchmarking

Sector formed patient outcome measures and associated benchmarks for palliative care services.

Patient outcome reporting

Reports provided every six-months for participating services, states and nationally.

National benchmark workshops

Benchmarking groups by service type brought together annually to reflect upon and share patient outcomes.

Quality improvement

Improvement facilitated through a range of activities.

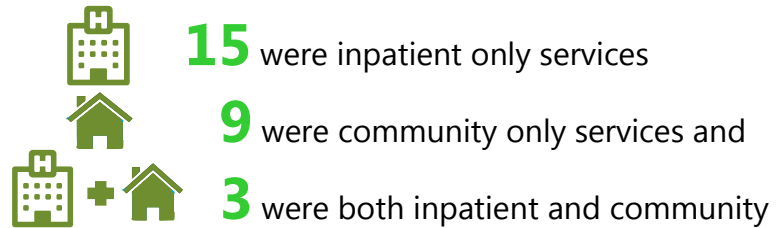
Research

Research activities undertaken and assistance provided with data requests and data analysis.

In **July to December 2015** there were **27** specialist palliative care services in **Queensland** that submitted data to PCOC.



Of these:



Combined, these services

provided **5,599** episodes of care to **4,229** patients.



66% of care occurred in hospitals.



80% of patients had a malignant diagnosis.

During this period **1,966** patients died.

Of these, **79%** died in hospital.



There are **4** outcome measurement areas. These are:



1 benchmark on **timeliness of care** that **25** services* have met

1 benchmark on **responsiveness to urgent needs** that **14** services* have met



4 benchmarks on **pain management** where **20** services* have met at least one benchmark



8 benchmarks on **symptom management** where **24** services* have met at least one benchmark

*Service providers with an inpatient and community setting are counted twice

For more information, a detailed Queensland state report is available at www.pcoc.org.au

