

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.

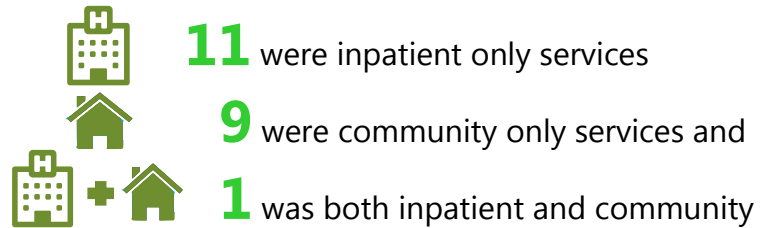
Research

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

In **July to December 2015** there were **21** specialist palliative care services in **Victoria** that submitted data to PCOC.



Of these:



Combined, these services

provided **7,636** episodes of care to **5,895** patients.



61% of care occurred in the home or aged care facilities.



75% of patients had a malignant diagnosis.

During this period **2,497** patients died.

Of these, **63%** died in hospital.



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



1 benchmark on **timeliness of care** that **14** services* have met

1 benchmark on **responsiveness to urgent needs** that **10** services* have met



4 benchmarks on **pain management** where **10** services* have met at least one benchmark



8 benchmarks on **symptom management** where **18** services* have met at least one benchmark

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

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