



Celebrating 20 years in improving palliative care outcomes

July 2025 Newsletter

## New Strategic Research Plan 2025



PCOC supports high-quality research through collaborations on studies, programs, and grants across Australia and internationally. The five-year strategic plan focuses on **strengthening outcome measurement, driving quality improvement, and improving the delivery of palliative care across Australia**, with two core priority areas:

Priority Area One: Enhancing Measures and Improving Palliative Care Outcomes

Priority Area Two: Advancing Equity, Specialty Care and Innovation in Palliative Care

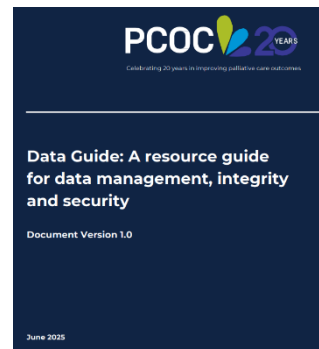
If you are thinking of research with PCOC longitudinal data, please visit our **Australian Palliative Care Outcomes Registry (APCOR)** page for access and application details.

[Read the Strategic Research Plan 2025](#)

[Visit our APCOR page](#)

## Enhanced Data Governance Framework

PCOC's data governance framework **ensures the ethical, secure, and high-quality stewardship of national palliative care data**. PCOC Data Guide outlines how data is governed for contributing services, detailing the processes relating to PCOC data management. Meanwhile, [PCOC Data Quality Statement](#) details timelines for data submission windows, accessibility and interpretability of data.



[Read PCOC Data Guide](#)

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# Updated Ethics & Governance Guideline



We have released the updated Ethics & Governance Guideline, highlighting alignment with the [Australian Framework for National Clinical Quality Registries](#) principles. This supports both the national program and participating sites. Key highlights include:

- **Ethical Oversight** is maintained through national ethics authorisation and annual compliance reporting.
- **Indigenous Data Sovereignty** consultations are currently underway to ensure compliance.
- **Data Access** for research requests is now via an Expression of Interest (EOI), followed by a formal application process.

Read PCOC Ethics & Governance Guideline 2025

Visit our Ethics & Governance webpage

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## Data Submission Now Open Until 8th August

The submission window is now open for data from January - June 2025! Submit now via the [PCOC Secure Online Submission \(SOS\) portal](#). **Even if you've recently submitted data for quality checks, an official submission is still required.** For enquiries, contact the PCOC Data Analyst, Thomas Fatcher at [tfatcher@uow.edu.au](mailto:tfatcher@uow.edu.au) or call 02 4221 4845.



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