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July 2026 Newsletter

From Ideas to Impact: PCOC at #PCNA2026

This year's **Palliative Care Nurses Australia (PCNA) Biennial Conference** was one to remember — co-facilitating the very first **Foundations of Delirium in Palliative Care Workshop.**

Brought together by PCNA and the **Australasian Delirium Association,** PCOC welcomed **60 palliative care nurses** into an immersive session designed to strengthen **confidence** in delivering **delirium care**. Through realistic **clinical scenario simulations**, this workshop signified a critical step in building the **capability of managing delirium in palliative care**.

Aside from providing a platform to **connect with many valued members** of the sector, PCNA also offered a stage for PCOC to **showcase meaningful insights,** including:

- Access to palliative care for **non-malignant conditions remains limited**
- The introduction of **delirium measures** in Version 4 of PCOC
- Findings such as **80% of GP-referred patients** to palliative care **die within just 3 months**

Shout out to **PCOC Research Fellow, Animut Ayalew,** for presenting to a full house on the **utilisation and duration of palliative care among GP-referred patients**!

PCOC Research — Now in Plain Language

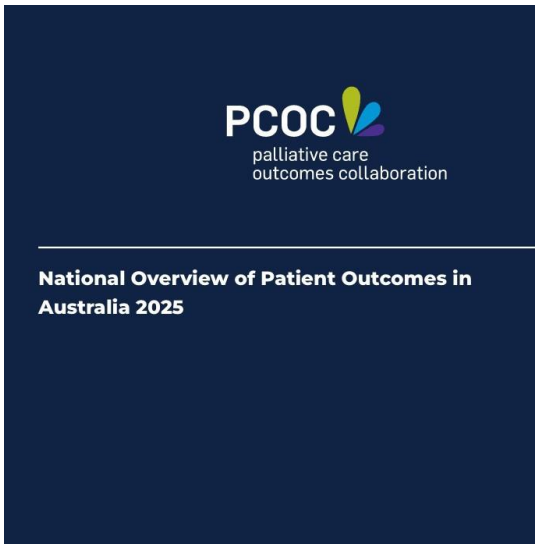
Undertaking several rounds of author and consumer review, a series of **plain language summaries of PCOC research** has been released. A plain language summary is a clear explanation of research findings written in **everyday language**. These materials bridge the gap between research and practice, making evidence **accessible and meaningful** for the whole sector.

Special acknowledgement to our **Consumer Advisory Panel** for their rigorous review of the summaries — your dedication to enhancing our resources for patients and families is deeply appreciated.

Access the summaries under 'Research' on the PCOC website!

A Closer Look at Australia's 2025 Palliative Care Outcomes

We are proud to share the release of the **PCOC National Overview of Patient Outcomes 2025** report. Highlighting **how evidence-informed practice can strengthen care delivery**, the report draws focus to several key themes such as **mortality coverage, referral patterns** and more.



Findings include…

Performance against key benchmarks indicates that **care is of high quality** once patients enter palliative care, suggesting **current challenges are more related to access and referral pathways.**

Explore all report findings here!

Data Submission Window (Jan-Jun 2026)—OPEN!

If you're planning on submitting data for the **January-June 2026** period, the data submission window is now open. Submit your data via the PCOC **Secure Online Submission (SOS) portal.** If you have any questions regarding your submission, contact the PCOC team at **pcoc@uow.edu.au.**

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