PCOC

palliative care
outcomes collaboration

September 2026 Newsletter

Get to know the PCOC-Plus team

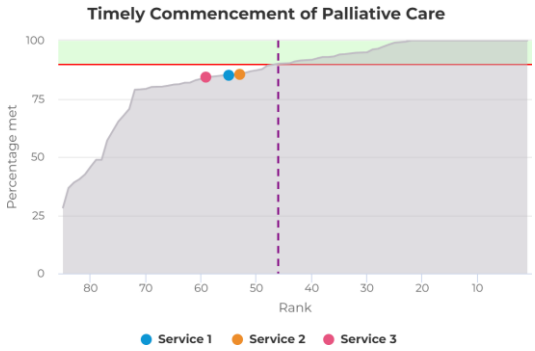
The PCOC-Plus team is a **skilled, multidisciplinary team**, bringing together **expertise in palliative care, data science, consumer engagement, research** and **implementation science**. Together, the team brings the breadth of knowledge **essential to delivering the expanded scope of the PCOC-Plus**, supporting improved patient outcomes across **care settings.**

PCOC-Plus will extend into **primary care,** informed by activities undertaken through the **National Palliative Care Coordination (NPCC) project**, which seeks to improve the **timely identification of palliative care needs in general practice.**

We're looking forward to **strengthening connections across the sector**, including with the other **national palliative care grant recipients**, to share knowledge, build on each other's work and support a **coordinated approach** to **improving palliative care across Australia**.

Read more about the passionate team behind PCOC-Plus here

2026 patient outcomes now available through the Interactive Dashboard



The **PCOC interactive dashboard** has now been updated with data from the **Jan-Jun 2026 reporting period**. If you do not currently have access and would like to explore your service's results, please contact us at **pcoc@uow.edu.au.**

Dashboard data is available **before the release of the static reports**, providing an opportunity to gain an **early insight into your outcomes and performance**.

ANZSPM: 'Thinking Outside the Square'

PCOC is down in Launceston this week for the **Australia and New Zealand Society of Palliative Medicine (ANZSPM) 2026 Conference (24-26 Sept).**

View the conference programme and don't miss the PCOC team presenting on:

- **Fri 25 Sept (11am):** Timeliness of referrals from primary care to specialist palliative care (A Poudel)
- **Sat 26 Sept (1:30pm)** Enabling rapid QI in palliative care: implementing the PCOC digital dashboard (S Clapham)

Comparing Severe Symptom Distress in the Last Week of Life - Plain Language Summary

We looked at records from more than **140,000 people** who got palliative care in **Australia** and **died between 2019 and 2024.** We found that **symptom severity was almost the same** between people getting care in **hospital or at home**.

This finding may **reassure people** that symptoms can be **managed well** in **both hospital and home-based palliative care**.

Check out the full PCOC study here

Check out the plain language summary here

Fundamentals Webinar (29 Sept)

Eager to learn more about the **PCOC tools**? Register now for the upcoming **Fundamentals Webinar!**

This session will provide essential education on the **suite of PCOC tools** including the assessments included in **Version 4 of PCOC (ESAS-PCOC** and **the Delirium monitoring system).**

The webinar will be held on **Tues 29 Sept, 1pm-3pm AEST.** Spots are filling up quick, so **secure your ticket now by clicking the link!**

PCOC 20 YEARS
Celebrating 20 years in improving palliative care outcomes