

# Palliative Care Problem Severity Score (PCPSS)

The PCPSS and PCOC SAS assessments are used to measure symptoms and problems experienced by the patient and family/carer [5]. The PCPSS is clinician rated and supports the global screening for the overall degree of problems within four key palliative care domains (pain problems, symptoms other than pain, psychological / spiritual problems and family / carer problems). PCPSS is a four point numerical rating scale (0-3).

The PCPSS domains	The PCPSS score
Pain	0 Absent
Other symptoms	1 Mild
Psychological/spiritual	2 Moderate
Family/carer	3 Severe