

Provincial Palliative and End-of-Life Care Indicators and Parameters

Indicators:

1. Patients within care settings with ACP/GCD orders
2. Use of PEOLC resources by citizens across the continuum of care (including family doctor participation and bereavement services)
3. Wait-times for Albertans for hospice, and actual bed #s vs. targeted needed # of hospice beds
 - 3.1 Number of Albertans dying on wait lists for hospice care
 - 3.2 Average length of stay/median length of stay for hospices in each zone in Alberta
 - 3.3 Occupancy rate for hospice in each zone
4. Number of emergency room visits
5. # PEOLC Consults provided
 - 5.1 Time prior to death
 - 5.2 Baseline assessment date
 - 5.3 Follow up consult Assessment data
6. Symptoms Identified for PEOLC patients & Assessment of Symptom Burden
7. Patient and family satisfaction regarding PEOLC received (FAMCARE or other tool conducted through surveys) (future phase effort)
 - 7.1 – Preference of locations of care at initiation of palliative phase, actively dying phase and preferred location of death
 - 7.2 – Survey Patients that are still living and their Families (future phase)
8. # of adverse events reported & type of adverse events. Include comparisons over the denominator
9. Availability of Service Resources (HR, Hours, Types) VS. Actual Availability (Compare to the framework service menus)
10. Number of formal PEOLC education sessions provided
 - 10.1 # of PEOLC Education Sessions, attendance #s and hours.
 - 10.2 Measurement of impact to patient/family care post training
11. Identification of PEOLC status (% , time prior to death, sector)
12. Costs associated with utilization of services

Parameters:

1. Zone demographics
2. Geographies sub zones, cities, groupings(Urban, Metro, Rural, Remote Rural)
3. Disease type (ICD10 codes and higher level filters (cancer, frailty, chronic disease, sudden)
4. Location of death
5. Age
6. Group by age range (i.e., Child, Youth, Adult, Senior)
7. Gender
8. Locations of Care (sites, and sectors within/across the continuum (acute, community, tertiary, LTC)
9. Time (historical only limited on data availability)
 - 9.1 Last 30, 60, 90, 365, and 730 days of life