

Palliative Care Updates

Palliative care indicators

The Renal Agency's Palliative Care Committee (PCC) has developed a Palliative Care Indicator Report to guide planning and quality improvement in palliative and end-of-life (EOL) care for people in BC with kidney disease.

This work stems from the PCC's comprehensive [End-of-Life Framework](#), developed several years ago, that recommended the creation of quality indicators reflecting current practice in palliative care for renal patients.

The Indicator Report is based on a core set of demographic and quality indicators, developed with input from all provincial modality committees, patients, kidney care professionals and BCPRA analytical staff. The bi-annual report measures and monitors the aspects of palliative and EOL care that matter to patients and kidney care professionals across the continuum of kidney care.

This first report, covering the period April 1 to September 30, 2016, consists of indicators related to mortality and two of the four pillars of palliative and end-of-life care: prognostication and symptom assessment and management. Key indicators related to advance care planning and care of the dying patient and bereavement will be developed for future reports.

For more information about the Palliative Care Indicator Report, contact the PCC chair [Dr. Gaylene Hargrove](#).
