The Inaugural PCOC Outcomes and Benchmarking Conference:
Using evidence on patient outcomes to improve the future of palliative care

PCOC Outcomes & Benchmarking Conference

Wednesday 20 – Thursday 21 November 2019, ICC Sydney

Invitation

In November 2019, the inaugural PCOC Outcomes & Benchmarking Conference will be held in the beautiful city of Sydney, Australia.

The conference will build upon and showcase key initiatives and developments in outcome measurement for patients and families affected by life-limiting illness, and mark an exciting new direction for outcome measurement in palliative care in Australia and internationally.

The conference will progress international best practice and outcome measurement across settings and sectors of care. This allows for presentations focusing on palliative care patient and carer outcomes in hospitals, hospices, residential aged care facilities, and aged care, primary care, community and paediatrics. Patient outcomes will also be advanced through a focus on the development of data, and innovations in technology. This initiative will reflect the maturity of the palliative care sector, with leaders from Australia and across the world participating to promote approaches that systematically improve patient and carer outcomes.

We warmly welcome you to join PCOC in working together to achieve the best outcomes for patients and families, and in progressing sustainable developments by submitting an abstract and participating in this important forum as a conference delegate.

PCOC Chief Investigators - we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Senior Professor
Kathy Eagar
PCOC Executive Director

Professor David Currow
PCOC Chief Investigator

Professor Claire Johnson
PCOC Chief Investigator

Distinguished Professor Patsy Yates
PCOC Chief Investigator

June 2019
Conference theme

The theme for the conference is: *Using evidence on patient outcomes to improve the future of palliative care.*

This conference theme aims to build and realise the future of healthcare for those affected by life-limiting illness through focusing on palliative care outcome measurement practice, science and data.

In line with a commitment to enabling better care and better outcomes for all. The conference encourages a fresh look at and diversity in evidence-based ideas, practice and research across settings and sectors.

Presentations from those working with patients and families with palliative needs are welcome, including those that feature PCOC approaches and data. Presentations that promote systems-level change through a focus on palliative outcomes are also encouraged.

Your commitment and contribution to this international conference is warmly invited, as together we can build sustainable platforms for our shared future.

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Abstract submission portal

Register to attend the conference

Call for abstracts closes: 14 July 2019

If you have any further questions, email us at pcoc@uow.edu.au or call us on 02 4221 4411
Topics for abstract submission

- **Advancing palliative care outcomes through data development**

  This topic refers to ideas, processes and examples of developing or adopting palliative care data in order to improve outcomes for patients, their families, specialities, governments and nations.

  Examples include: processes, principles and methodology to build data; clinimetrics; psychometrics; case studies where problems and pitfall for data development were avoided; approaches to enable international comparisons; analysis; data curation.

- **Embedding and sustaining palliative care outcome measurement**

  This topic refers to work that deeply embeds palliative care outcome measurement into routine practice, structures, systems and culture, including for an extended period of time.

  Examples include: engaging the workforce and establishing processes for improved outcomes; successful implementation strategies; using PCOC data to drive continuous improvement; the effects of quality improvement initiatives; approaches to sustainability.

- **Innovation and models of palliative care (including symptoms, policy, service delivery, technology)**

  This topic refers to new ideas, innovative ways and tantalising research about new models of care, that are informed by palliative care patient and carer outcomes, and/or that bring about improved patient and carer outcomes.

  Examples include: the use of PCOC data in a specialist palliative care consult model in aged care; use of PCOC data to improve symptom-specific models of care; new ways of organising and delivering care; cutting-edge policy to address intractable problems and disparities (e.g., ways to capture Indigenous patient palliative care outcomes); technological advancements (e.g., telehealth to promote the capture of palliative outcomes; mobile devices for outcome data).

- **International best practice**

  This topic refers to practice that provides solutions of scale for patients, their families, in and across nations that leads to a world-class performance and international collaboration.

  Examples includes: national initiatives to improve outcomes; international research, guidelines and practice to advance palliative care outcome measurement; practice and research in outcome measurement with applicability across countries.

- **Outcomes across care settings**

  This topic refers to how palliative care outcome data can be used to address issues of access, effectiveness, equity and choice, regardless of place, need or profession.

  Examples include: comparisons in outcomes between care settings; comparisons in outcomes between models of care such as integrated unit outcomes versus dedicated units; palliative care models and outcomes in primary care; outcomes in nurse- and medical-led palliative care models in residential aged care facilities; palliative care outcomes in paediatric patients and their families.
How to submit an abstract

For each abstract submitted, complete the following:

1. Choose the topic area most relevant to your abstract
2. Choose the type of presentation most suited to your content
3. Enter the content of your abstract
4. Enter your biographical details
5. Submit your application

Abstract and biography guidelines

- Enter your text (300 words max.) in the text box on the abstract submission portal
- To assist your preparation, abstracts may be structured under the sub-headings Aims, Methods, Results, Conclusions.
- Biography: enter your text (40 words max.) in the text box available on the abstract submission portal

Submit online: abstracts must be submitted electronically via the electronic submission process by 11.59pm 14 July 2019, Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST, which is UTC+10)

Presentation types

You are invited to select the type of presentation that best suits your abstract:

- **Rapid fire**: this is a brief presentation with a maximum of five PowerPoint slides. The length of the presentation is 8–10 minutes (maximum). Five minutes may be allocated for discussion and questions, at the discretion of the program committee.
- **Full oral**: this is a 15 to 20-minute presentation, followed by discussion and question time.
- **Full oral**: experienced presenters may also request a double (30 to 40 minute) time slot.
- **Workshop**: this is a 60–90 minute session with the aim of engaging the participants in discussion and learning. A tangible product is to result from the workshop. This may include, for example, results from an expert consensus meeting, priorities for an area of work, enhanced competencies in a clinical skill required for outcome practice, agreement of work to take forward in international outcomes research or practice.

In addition:

- **Interactive panel**: interactive panels may be on offer during the conference. Please indicate if you would be willing to be invited to join a panel discussion.
- During the conference there will be spotlight opportunities for presentations that rely on PCOC measures, approaches or information. Please indicate if your presentation does not use PCOC information.

Decisions by the program committee about submitted abstracts will be final. The committee reserves the right to accept or refuse any abstract, and to allocate to a session time or any presentation types.