Orientation to Palliative Care Assessments

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PCOC is a national approach towards the routine assessment in palliative care practice using standardised assessment tools.
Assessment Tools

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Palliative Care Assessments

The assessments are undertaken

- A minimum of daily in the inpatient setting
- At contact in consultative or community settings (phone or face-to-face assessment)
- At phase change
Benefits of Standard Assessments

- Consistent, formal approach to documentation of assessments
- Assessments drive the focus of care
- A common language is established
Information collected for PCOC

- **Level 1**: Demographics (patient items)
- **Level 2**: Setting of care (episode items)
- **Level 3**: Assessments (phase items)
Thank You

For further information please view the resources contained in the PCOC Assessment Toolkit,
go to  www.pcoc.org.au
or contact your Quality Improvement Facilitator

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