Evaluating the End of Life Care Pathway (EOLCP) for RACFs Project

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Pathways – What we know

Great audit tools

BUT

Do they change clinical outcomes for palliative patients dying in the RACF setting?
Evaluation challenge…!
The person who is in the best position to evaluate our care can’t.

Next best thing….?
Bereaved relative component

Questionnaire content

Use national benchmarking data  X

PCA Standards of Care  😊
In reality...

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<th>Sample statement – relative experience of care</th>
<th>PCA Standard</th>
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<td>I always knew who to approach if I had questions</td>
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**PCA Standard 4**
Care is coordinated to minimise the burden on patient, their caregiver/s and family.

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<td>Staff were flexible when responding to changes in my loved one’s condition</td>
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**PCA Standard 3**
Ongoing comprehensive assessment and care planning are undertaken to meet the needs and wishes of the patient, their caregiver/s and family.
Bereaved relative component

Questionnaire distribution

*pre implementation* [3 month time frame]

*post implementation* [18 month time frame]

- Who, When, How ?
- Response rate to date = 44%
- Bias
- Ethics