SUGGESTIONS FOR EDUCATION
Suggestions for orientation education

On the PCOC USB flash drive, you will find the following resources for use in self-directed orientation or orientation programs provided by education or clinical support staff.

For Self Directed Orientation use the following:
1. A 10-minute video presentation: Orientation to PCOC assessment tools
2. A 12-minute DVD: Understanding PCOC

For Orientation Programs provided by education or clinical support staff:
1. A 10 minute PowerPoint presentation with slide notes: Orientation to PCOC assessment tools
2. A 12-minute DVD: Understanding PCOC

Additional resources to use in orientation

The following are available on the PCOC USB flash drive or at www.pcoc.org.au
1. PCOC assessment tools lanyard card
2. PCOC assessment form

DVD: Understanding PCOC

The DVD was designed to assist staff working in palliative care to understand the value of embedding standardised assessment tools into clinical practice, which promotes a common language across hospital and community palliative care settings.

The vignette describes a patient with prostate cancer and bony metastases and his wife caring for him at home. The community nurse visits the patient, assesses the family situation using the PCOC assessment tools and organises admission. The PCOC assessment tools are used in the hospital setting to inform the plan of care.

PCOC acknowledges the limited clinical information used in referring the patient in the case study.

Suggestions for Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is an important factor in facilitating practice change. The resources contained in this toolkit are designed specifically to integrate the PCOC assessments into structured or self-directed CPD.

This booklet and the video presentation and PowerPoint resources can be used individually. Here is a guide to the time each self-directed activity requires:

- Read the booklet contents including case studies 1 hour
- View video presentations 15min each = 1 hour
- View PCOC DVD: Understanding PCOC 15min
Continuing Professional Development: Nurses Registration Standards

Ensure that you document learning activities in your CPD portfolio and have the activities verified by your manager or equivalent.

“Documentation of self-directed CPD must include dates, a brief description of the outcomes and the number of hours spent in each activity. All evidence should be verified.” (Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, 2010).

To find out more go to: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au