

About the Data: Palliative Care

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Palliative Care: 2014/15 to 2015/16

Introduction

The following information was derived from documentation available from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES): <http://www.ices.on.ca/>

These datasets were linked using unique, encoded identifiers and analyzed at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).

Note: Ascertainment of death is incomplete for the time period being examined and for that reason these data should be interpreted with caution.

Data Sources

Numerator

Data source: Canadian Institute for Health Information-Discharge Abstract Database (CIHI-DAD), National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS).

Emergency Department (ED) visits (2014/15 to 2015/16) during the two weeks prior to death among palliative care patients.

Denominator

Palliative care patients (identified from Canadian Institute for Health Information-Discharge Abstract Database (CIHI-DAD) during 2014/15 to 2015/16) who died before April 1, 2016 (according to Ontario Ministry of Health Registered Persons Database (RPDB)).

Rate

Rate (/100) of Emergency Department (ED) visits (2014/15 to 2015/16) during the two weeks prior to death among palliative care patients (2014/15 to 2015/16). Rates were reported for both sexes and all ages (0+) combined.

The Palliative Care data are provided at the following levels of geography:

- City of Toronto
- Ontario Neighbourhoods
 - 140 Neighbourhoods in Toronto Central and City of Toronto (LHIN 7)
 - 105 Neighbourhoods in Central LHIN (LHIN 8)