

Home visits by a doctor in the last 30 days of life

Alternate Name*

Percentage of people who had at least one home visit from a doctor during their last 30 days of life , among people who lived in the community during that period.

INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

Description*

This indicator measures percentage of people, among all those who lived in the community during their last 30 days of life, who had at least one physician home visit during that period. A higher percentage is better.

HQO Reporting tool/product

Public reporting

Dimension*

Effective

Timely

Type*

Process

DEFINITION AND SOURCE INFORMATION

Unit of Measurement*

Percentage

Calculation Methods*

Numerator divided by the denominator times 100

Numerator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

Number of people specified in the denominator who had at least one physician home visit in their last 30 days of life.

Denominator (short description i.e. not inclusions/exclusions)*

Number of people who died and were in the community in their last 30 days of life.

Adjustment (risk, age/sex standardization)- generalized

None

Data Source

National Ambulatory Care Reporting System (NACRS)
National Rehabilitation Reporting System (NRS)
Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Claims History Database
Registered Persons Database (RPDB)
Postal Code Conversion File Plus (PCCF+)
Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS)
Discharge Abstract Database (DAD)

Data provided to HQO by

Cancer Care Ontario (CCO)

Reported Levels of comparability /stratifications (defined)

Time
Age
Income
Rurality
Region
Sex

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Caveats and Limitations

- The data doesn't include information on the quality of the care, clinical details, health care needs, preferences and appropriateness of the house call. - The data shows the number of people who had at least one house call. There is no evidence of what is the appropriate number of house calls to which this could be compared - The indicator doesn't capture home visits with other non-physician providers

Comments Summary

This indicator aligns with the palliative care QS overarching and the OPCN system level indicators.

TAGS

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Primary Care
Process

End-of-life / Palliative

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