Acute Hospitals GSF PIG Evidence

Prospective use of the Gold Standards Framework (GSF) Prognostic Indicator Guidance (PIG) in an acute hospital in Geelong Australia demonstrated that it could be successfully used to identify patients early, leading to more being offered Advance Care Planning (ACP) discussions.  In this study 27% patients were identified using GSF PIG, which correlates with the Clark estimate of 29% of all hospital patients being in the last year of life (reference below). The study concluded that the use of GSF PIG as an objective clinical tool identifies a high prevalence of patients with palliative care needs in the acute tertiary Australian hospital setting, with a high one year mortality and poor return to independence in this population.

Source: 1) Sharyn Milnes et al. BMJ Supportive & Palliative Care 2015; 2) Clark et al - Imminence of death among hospital inpatients: Palliat MedDOI: 10.1177/0269216314526443

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