

Alignment of the 10 Essential Components of the *Palliative and End-of-life Care Blueprint for Improvement* against existing palliative and end-of-life standards

2. Comparing the ACI Blueprint Essential Components and the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards, 2nd Edition

| Blueprint Essential Components → National palliative care standards | 1. Community expectations and perceptions | 2. Discussion and planning for future goals and needs | 3. Access across all settings to skilled and competent providers | 4. Early recognition | 5. Care on assessed need of patient, carer, family | 6. Seamless transitions across all care settings | 7. Access to specialist when needs are complex | 8. Quality care during the last days of life | 9. Supporting people through loss and grief | 10. Access to reliable, timely clinical information and data |
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| 1. Clinical governance | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 2. Partnering with consumers | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 3. Preventing and controlling healthcare – associated infection | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | |
| 4. Medication safety | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 5. Comprehensive care | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6. Communicating for safety | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 7. Blood management | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Recognising and responding to acute deterioration | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |