

The Australian Consortium for Aged Care Quality Indicator Repository: A Source for Quality Indicators to Monitor Older People's Care Experiences Across Care Settings

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INTRODUCTION

- Quality indicators (QIs) are useful tools to measure, evaluate, monitor, and compare the level of care and outcomes of a system and are foundational elements of quality improvement activities.
- Older individuals access care in numerous settings and multiple QI programs across these settings, often stored in multiple places/sources, exist to monitor their care and experiences.

AIM

- To develop the **Australian Consortium for Aged Care (ACAC) QI Online Repository**, which is a searchable source of QIs for health and aged care providers, policy makers, and researchers to identify measures useful to monitor older people accessing care in most settings they frequently use.
- This resource focused on QIs used in aged care (residential aged care and home care), care transitions, palliative care, rehabilitation care, dementia care, rural and remote care, hospital care and primary care.

METHODS

- Nine scoping reviews were conducted between 2022 and 2025 to identify QIs for the repository. This was followed by review and appraisal of QIs by ACAC members.
- Search strategies focused on QIs for older people (population), routinely collected, population based, in English (concept), in eight care settings (context).
- Identified QIs were characterised according to identifying attributes (e.g., type, domain, setting), defining attributes (e.g., risk adjustment), data attributes (e.g., collection, reporting periods). ACAC assessment of QI importance and scientific acceptability was also included.

RESULTS

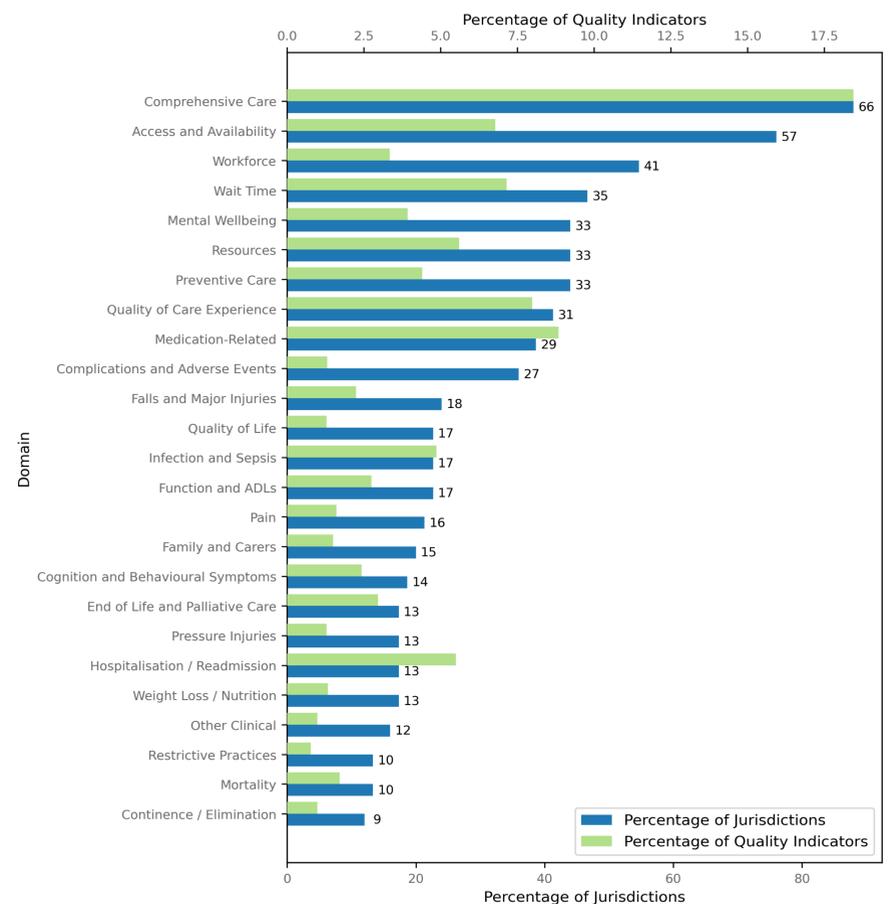
- The ACAC QI Repository includes **6,422 QIs identified from eight care settings**.

Table 1. QI Repository Content, Overall and by Care Setting.

Steps	Included in QI Repository	RAC	Home Care	Care Transitions	Palliative Care	Rehabilitation Care	Dementia Care	Rural and Remote Care	Hospital Care	Primary Care
1: All Identified	6,422	645	362	750	476	797	720	105	920	1,647
2: QIs that are population based, routinely used, public, English	3,779	327	226	395	133	157	62	53	920	1,506
3: QIs with high scores for importance and scientific acceptability	467	61	58	37	62	29	32	31	70	87

QI: Quality Indicator. RAC: Residential Aged Care.

Figure 1. Percentage of QIs and Jurisdictions by Domain.



Note: Intergovernmental organisations have each been counted as individual jurisdictions
Labels indicate number of jurisdictions monitoring the domain

CONCLUSIONS

- The Australian Consortium for Aged Care Quality Indicator Repository is a comprehensive resource of internationally implemented QIs used to examine the experience of older people in the settings where they most often receive care.
- The QI Repository is a valuable resource for individuals involved in quality measurement and monitoring to identify potential measures, learn about QI implementation and use and examine similar QIs across care settings.

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