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General data

POPULATION, 2023  
**10,153,958**  
PHYSICIANS / 1,000 INH, 2021  
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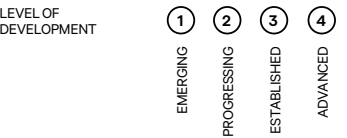
Socioeconomic data

COUNTRY INCOME LEVEL, 2022  
**Upper middle income**  
GDP PER CAPITA (US\$), 2023  
**7,125**  
HEALTH EXPENDITURE (% GDP), 2021  
**4.70**  
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE, 2021  
**66**



WHO FRAMEWORK FOR PALLIATIVE CARE DEVELOPMENT

- ④ EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES
- ③ POLICIES
- ② RESEARCH
- ① USE OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES
- ⑥ EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- ⑤ PROVISION OF PC

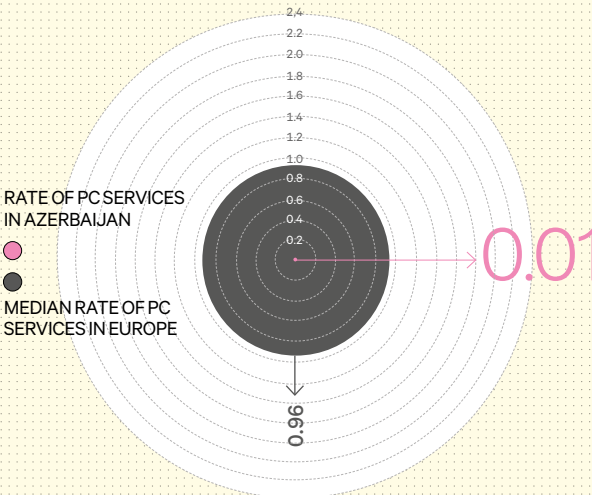


Consultants: Data gathered through literature and AI tools.  
National Association: -  
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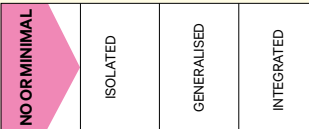
Provision of PC (Specialised Services)

Total number of Specialised PC services  
**1**  
Rate of PC services per 100,000 inhabitants  
**0.01**

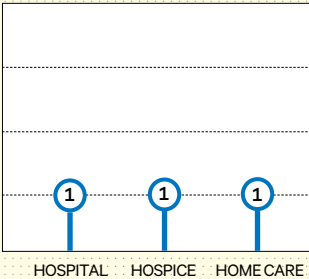
Azerbaijan in the context of European region



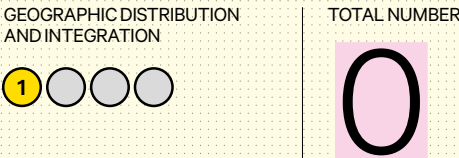
Geographic distribution and integration of PC services



Level of development of different types of PC services



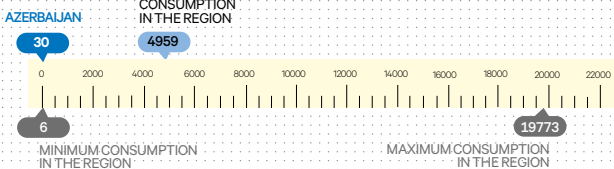
Paediatric PC Services



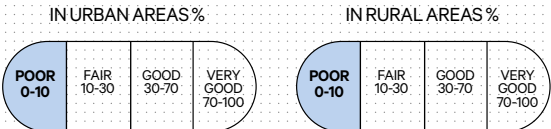
Use of essential medicines

Opioids consumption (excluding methadone)  
**30**  
S-DDD/MILL INHABITANTS/DAY

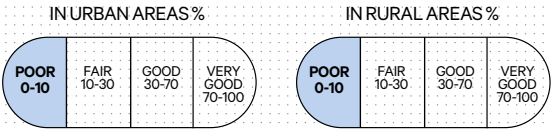
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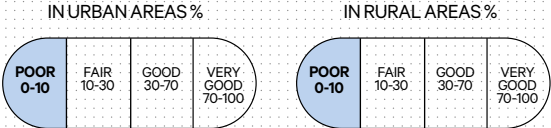
Overall availability of essential medicines for pain and PC at the primary level



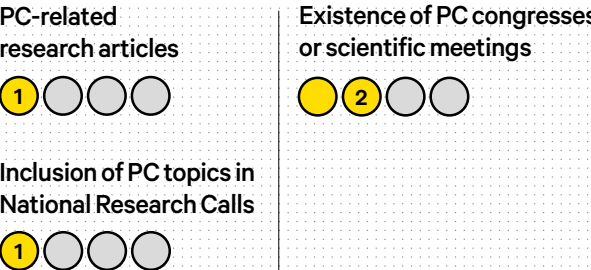
General availability of immediate-release oral morphine at the primary level



General availability of different opioids and in different formulations at the primary level



Research



Education & Training

Medical schools with mandatory PC teaching  
**1/2**

Nursing schools with mandatory PC teaching  
**2/7**

PC Full Professors  
**0**

Recognition of PC specialty  
**1**

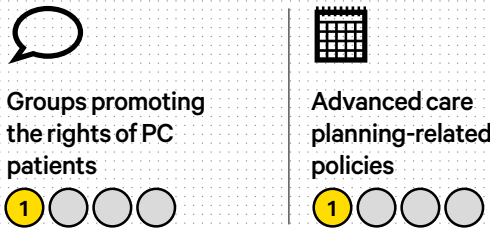
Policies

National PC plan or strategy  
**1**





Responsible authority for PC in the Ministry of Health  
**1**

Inclusion of PC in the basic health package at the primary care level  
**1**





Empowerment of people and communities



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| <b>Ind1</b><br>Existence of groups dedicated to promoting the rights of patients in need of PC, their care-givers, and disease survivors.   | <br>Only isolated activity can be detected.   | No evidence found. |
| <b>Ind2</b><br>Is there a national policy or guideline on advance directives or advance care planning?  | <br>There is no national policy or guideline on advance care planning.  | No evidence found. |
| <b>Ind3</b><br>3.1. There is a current national PC plan, programme, policy, or strategy.<br><br>3.2. The national palliative care plan (or programme or strategy or legislation) is a standalone. | <br>Not known or does not exist.<br><br><br>Not known or does not exist neither standalone nor is included in another national plan. | No evidence found. |

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| 3.3. There are indicators in the national plan to monitor and evaluate progress, with measurable targets.   | <br>Not known or does not exist.   |                    |
| <b>Ind4</b><br>PC services are included in the list of priority services for Universal Health Coverage at the primary care level in the national health system.                                     | <br>Not at all.  | No evidence found. |
| <b>Ind5</b><br>5.1. Is there a national authority for palliative care within the government or the Ministry of Health?<br><br>5.2. The national authority has concrete functions, budget and staff. | <br>There is no authority defined.<br><br><br>Does not have concrete functions or resources (budget, staff, etc.) | No evidence found. |

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| <b>Ind6</b><br>Existence of congresses or scientific meetings at the national level specifically related to PC.   | <div><div></div><div>2</div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Only sporadic or non-periodical conferences or meetings related to palliative care take place.</div>  | No evidence found but “a seminar on “Development of palliative care in Azerbaijan” held in PHRC: On August 22, 2016 the Public Health and Reforms Centre (PHRC) of the Ministry of Health held a seminar dedicated to <i>Prospects for the development of palliative care in Azerbaijan</i> . The main goal of the seminar was to inform event participants about the current status and human/technical resources for providing services in the field of palliative care in Azerbaijan, discuss the ways to establish these services and potential opportunities. |
| <b>Ind7:1</b><br>Estimation of the level of peer-reviewed articles focusing on PC research published in any language in the past 5 years with at least one author from the country. | <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>Minimal or non-existent number of articles published on the subject.</div>  | One paper entitled <i>Barriers to the Early Integration of Palliative Care in Pediatric Oncology in 11 Eurasian Countries</i> , published in 2020, was found.  |
| <b>Ind7:2</b><br>Inclusion of PC topics in national research calls.   | <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div>There are no national research calls at all.</div>  | No evidence found.   |
| <b>Ind8</b><br>Reported annual opioid consumption –excluding methadone– in S-DDD per million inhabitants per day.   | <div><div>30</div><div>S-DDD PER MILLION INHAB /DAY</div></div> <div>COUNTRY VS REGION</div> <div><div><div>AZERBAIJAN</div><div>30</div></div><div><div>AVERAGE CONSUMPTION IN THE REGION</div><div>4959</div></div><div><div>MINIMUM CONSUMPTION IN THE REGION</div><div>6</div></div><div><div>MAXIMUM CONSUMPTION IN THE REGION</div><div>19773</div></div></div> <div>Average consumption of opioids, in defined daily doses (S-DDD) for statistical purposes 2020–2022.</div> |  |

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| <b>Ind9</b><br>9.1. Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in Urban areas that have pain and PC medications as defined in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines.<br><br>9.2. Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in rural areas that have pain and PC medications as defined in the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines. | <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | Access to pain and palliative care medications in Azerbaijan is limited, with significant barriers related to opioid availability. |
| <b>Ind10:1</b><br>10.1.1. Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in urban areas that have immediate-release oral morphine (liquid or tablet).<br><br>10.1.2. Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in rural areas that have immediate-release oral morphine (liquid or tablet).  | <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | Access to pain and palliative care medications in Azerbaijan is limited, with significant barriers related to opioid availability. |
| <b>Ind10:2</b><br>10.2.1. Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in urban areas that have different opioids and in different formulations.<br><br>10.2.2 Percentage of health facilities at the primary care level in rural areas that have different opioids and in different formulations.   | <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> <div><div>1</div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> | Access to pain and palliative care medications in Azerbaijan is limited, with significant barriers related to opioid availability. |

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| <p><b>Ind11</b></p> <p>11.1. The proportion of medical schools with <b>COMPULSORY</b> teaching in PC (with or without other optional teaching)</p> <p>11.2. The proportion of medical schools with <b>OPTIONAL</b> teaching in PC.</p> <p>11.3. The proportion of nursing schools with <b>COMPULSORY</b> teaching in PC (with or without other optional teaching).</p> <p>11.4. The proportion of nursing schools with <b>OPTIONAL</b> teaching in PC.</p> <p>11. 5. PC Full Professors</p> <p>11. 6. Legislation/ regulations concerning PC education</p> | <p>1/2</p> <p>1/2</p> <p>2/7</p> <p>5/7</p> <p>0</p> <p>No</p>  | <p></p> <p>There is a lack of comprehensive palliative care education and training programmes in nursing schools in Azerbaijan. According to the EAPC Atlas 2019, 2 nursing school teaches PC mandatory and another 5 teach palliative care in combination with other disciplines.</p> |
| <p><b>Ind12</b></p> <p>Existence of an official specialisation process in palliative medicine for physicians, recognised by the competent authority in the country.</p>  | <p></p> <p>There is no process on specialisation for palliative care physicians.</p> | <p>No evidence found.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Ind13</b></p> <p>13.1. There is a system of specialised PC services or teams in the country that has a <b>GEOGRAPHIC</b> reach and is delivered through different service delivery platforms.</p> <p>13.2. Are available in <b>HOSPITALS</b> (public or private), such as hospital PC teams (consultation teams), and PC units (with beds), to name a few examples.</p> <p>13.3. Free-standing <b>HOSPICES</b> (including hospices with inpatient beds).</p> <p>13.4. <b>HOME CARE</b> teams (specialised in PC) are available in the community (or at the primary Healthcare level), as independent services or linked with hospitals or hospices.</p> <p>13.5. Total number of specialised PC services or teams in the country.</p> | <p><br/>No or minimal provision of palliative care specialised services or teams exist in the country.</p> <p><br/>Not at all.</p> <p><br/>Not at all.</p> <p><br/>Not at all.</p> | <p>RATE OF SPECIALISED PC SERVICES/100,000 INH</p> <p>MEDIAN RATE IN THE REGION</p> <p>0.96</p> <p>0.01</p> <p>0</p> <p>3.68</p> <p>MINIMUM RATE IN THE REGION</p> <p>MAXIMUM RATE IN THE REGION</p> <p>1 ← SPECIALISED PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES</p> |
| <p><b>Ind14</b></p> <p>14.1. There is a system of specialised PC services or teams for <b>children</b> in the country that has geographic reach and is delivered through different service delivery platforms.</p> <p>14.2. Number of pediatric specialised PC services or teams in the country.</p>  | <p><br/>No or minimal provision of palliative care specialised services or teams for children exists in country.</p> <p><br/>PPC TEAMS</p>   |  |