

NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR PALLIATIVE CARE IN MALAYSIA

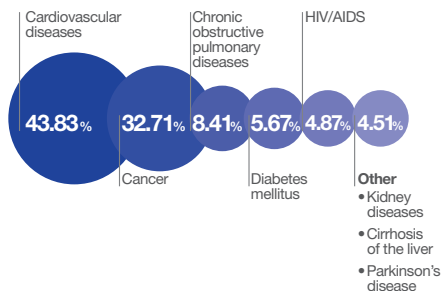
Since its introduction in Malaysia in the 1990s, the level of awareness, perceptions and expectations of palliative care and the underlying needs of the population remains not clearly defined. To address this, in 2015, Hospis Malaysia conducted a national needs assessment to help us identify the needs of the people and their expectations, and facilitate the mapping of services required. It is estimated that every year more than 80,000 people die from chronic illnesses. Of these, the number of people requiring palliative care exceeds 55,000, of which more than 2,000 are children.

FACT 1:



are in need of palliative care*
** see full report for definition*

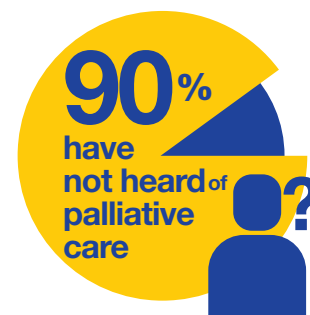
FACT 2: Overall



Causes of death in adults needing palliative care*
**see full report for breakdown on children*

FACT 3:

We found that more than



From the Public Perceptions survey

FACT 4:

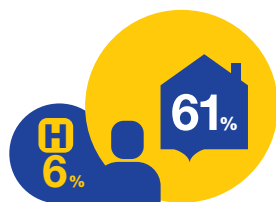
However after being given an introduction to palliative care (PC),



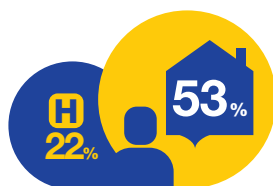
showed support towards PC



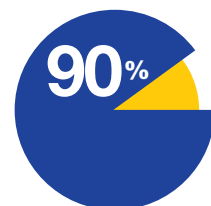
felt that PC should be integrated into national healthcare systems



61% indicated home as the preferred place of death as compared to 6% in hospitals



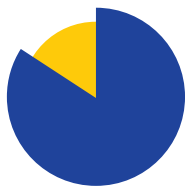
53% indicated home as the preferred place of care if they had a life-limiting illness compared to 22% for hospitals



felt that end-of-life care discussions are important

FACT 5:

When asked what were the influencing factors on why people die in hospital despite a preference to die at home,



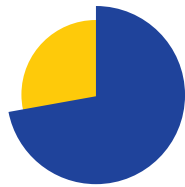
83%

perceived that pain management is better handled in hospitals



70%

experienced caregiver's panic and transferred the patient to hospital



77%

perceived that as the illness worsened and death was imminent, the patient's condition required treatment in hospitals



67%

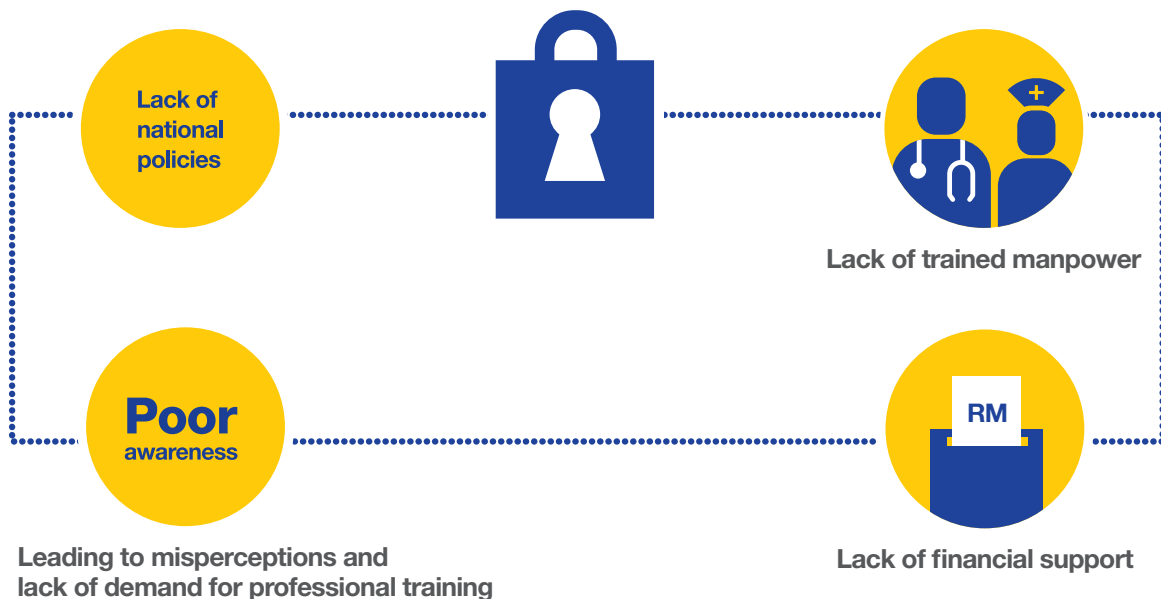
mentioned "interference by family members"

Location of palliative care services in the community

West Malaysia	East Malaysia
Kedah	1
Penang	3
Perak	2
Selangor	4
Kuala Lumpur	1
Negeri Sembilan	1
Malacca	1
Johor	2
Pahang	1
Terengganu	1
Kelantan	1
Sarawak	3
Sabah	5



Top 4 barriers to the development of palliative care services are:



See full report on "Palliative Care Needs Assessment: Malaysia" by Hospis Malaysia, 2016 on hospismalaysia.org