

CLINICAL TOOLS

PALLIATIVE PERFORMANCE SCALE (PPS)

The PPS is a great communication tool to describe a client's current functional level, has prognostic value and can be used for workload assessment and other measurements.

[Palliative Performance Scale](#)

EDMONTON SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (ESAS)

The ESAS is designed to help health care professionals assess common symptoms at the end of life. The ESAS elicits the patient's subjective perception using a numerical scale.

[Edmonton Symptom Assessment System](#)

PAIN ASSESSMENT IN ADVANCED DEMENTIA (PAINAD)

The Pain Assessment in Advanced Dementia (PAINAD) was developed to assess pain in patients who are cognitively impaired, non-communicative, or suffering from dementia and unable to use self-report methods to describe pain.

[PAINAD](#)

OTHER RESOURCES AND GUIDELINES

[Bowel Management Guidelines: Victoria Hospice](#)

[Psychosocial Assessment Tool: Victoria Hospice](#)

[Fraser Health: Hospice Palliative Care Program Symptom Guidelines](#)

[O-V Symptom \(pain\) Acronym Assessment Scale](#)