

SLM Amenable Mortality

HQMNZ ID: HQM16.6.29.919

Outcome

Reduction in the number of avoidable deaths and reduced variation for population groups.

Measure

Amenable mortality

Type

System level measure

Relationship(s) to other frameworks

Rationale

About half the deaths under 75 years of age in New Zealand are classified as amenable according to the current codelist. That is, they are 'untimely, unnecessary' deaths from causes amenable to health care.

Population measure

Deaths under age 75 years ('premature' deaths) from causes classified as amenable to health care (There is currently a list of 35 causes - this list is being updated).

Eligible population

All people <75 years old

Measure status

Active

Measure definition

Numerator

Deaths from specified causes <75 yrs

Denominator

Population <75 yrs

National target

Not applicable

Local target

Milestones decided by DHB

Annual weighting

Not applicable

Total population

Data Sources

Mortality Collection and Statistics New Zealand population estimate

Data extracted from data sources

- Deaths by cause
- Population

Data availability

Data is released by the Ministry of Health quarterly and is available on the [Nationwide Service Framework Library website](#)

Measure calculation process

Simple count, rate and proportion

Relationship(s) to other measures

Refer to Appendix 1 for list of contributory measures

Measure development notes

There is a 2 -3 year delay in the availability of cause of death data due to verification requirements. Main causes of death are:

- Cancers
- Cardiovascular disorders
- Other chronic disorders (COPD, Diabetes and Dementia)
- Injuries (unintentional or self-harm)

Main causes of loss of health related quality of life are:

- Musculoskeletal disorders (back pain or arthritis)
- Mental illness

- Vision and hearing loss
- Skin disorders

Measure point of contact: Peter Jones