

Table S1. STROBE Statement—Checklist filled

	Item No	Recommendation	Page No
Title and abstract	1	(a) Indicate the study’s design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract	1
		(b) Provide in the abstract an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found	1-2
Introduction			
Background/rationale	2	Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported	2-3
Objectives	3	State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses	3
Methods			
Study design	4	Present key elements of study design early in the paper	3-4
Setting	5	Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection	4
Participants	6	(a) Give the eligibility criteria, and the sources and methods of selection of participants	4
Variables	7	Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria, if applicable	5
Data sources/ measurement	8	For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group	N/A
Bias	9	Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias	N/A
Study size	10	Explain how the study size was arrived at	4
Quantitative variables	11	Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why	N/A
Statistical methods	12	(a) Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding	5
		(b) Describe any methods used to examine subgroups and interactions	5
		(c) Explain how missing data were addressed	5
		(d) If applicable, describe analytical methods taking account of sampling strategy	N/A
		(e) Describe any sensitivity analyses	N/A
Results			
Participants	13	(a) Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—eg numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analysed	Table 1 + Reference 14 about our recruitment results
		(b) Give reasons for non-participation at each stage	Reference 14
		(c) Consider use of a flow diagram	Reference 14
Descriptive data	14	(a) Give characteristics of study participants (eg demographic, clinical, social) and information on exposures and potential confounders	Table 1

		(b) Indicate number of participants with missing data for each variable of interest	Table 1
Outcome data	15	Report numbers of outcome events or summary measures	Tables 2 and 3
Main results	16	(a) Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (eg, 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included	N/A
		(b) Report category boundaries when continuous variables were categorized	N/A
		(c) If relevant, consider translating estimates of relative risk into absolute risk for a meaningful time period	N/A
Other analyses	17	Report other analyses done—eg analyses of subgroups and interactions, and sensitivity analyses	N/A
Discussion			
Key results	18	Summarise key results with reference to study objectives	7
Limitations	19	Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias	8-9
Interpretation	20	Give a cautious overall interpretation of results considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence	11
Generalisability	21	Discuss the generalisability (external validity) of the study results	10 'implications'
Other information			
Funding	22	Give the source of funding and the role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based	3 + 11

Box S1. The baseline-questionnaire including the practice population registration tables

1. Sex
 - Male
 - Female
2. How many years are you working in a GP practice?
(one answer)
 - Less than 10 years
 - 10 to 20 years
 - 20 to 30 years
 - More than 30 years
3. Do you work full-time (GP practice-related work 5 days a week, on average 8 hours a day) or part-time (less than 5 days on 7)?
 - Full-time
 - Part-time
4. What are your extra activities?
(more answers possible)
 - Medical director of nursing home
 - Palliative home care team supervisor
 - Research/education
 - GP circle representative
 - Institution for psychiatry, prison or handicap populations and so on
 - Other areas of expertise like sports medicine, occupational medicine or insurance medicine
5. In the past year, how many patients did you give palliative care?
(one answer)
 - 0
 - 1-5
 - 6-10
 - More than 10
6. Which type of practice do you have?
(one answer)
 - Single-handed
 - Duo-practice
 - Group-practice
 - Community health center
7. Does your practice have administrative support?
(one answer)
 - Yes
 - No
8. Except administrative support, are there any other supporting disciplines in your practice?
(one answer)
 - Yes
 - No
9. Which disciplines are present in your practice? Free text
10. What is the payment system in your practice?
 - Fee for service
 - Capitation
11. Summary of practice population registration

1. General description of practice population, per age-sex category

	Male	Female	Total
< 45 years			
≥ 45 years			
Total			

2. Description per location of contact of:

- Total number of patients
- Total number of patients eligible for the project

	Total number of patients	Age \geq 45 years + life expectancy $<$ 1 year
Patient's home		
Nursing home		
GP surgery		

Table S3. Prevalence of candidates for early palliative care - calculations

doctor	m_young	m_old	m_tot	f_young	f_old	f_tot	tot_young	tot_old	tot_tot1	tot_home	tot_inst	tot_cons	cand_hom	cand_inst	cand_cons	sign_home	sign_inst	sign_cons
1	22	26	48	44	23	67	66	49	115	12	0	103	1	0	0	0	0	0
2	22	42	64	18	37	55	40	79	119	16	11	92	3	8	7	0	0	0
3	27	13	40	43	9	52	70	22	92	3	0	89	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	45	66	111	52	92	144	97	158	255	30	1	224	9	0	0	0	0	0
5	20	67	87	17	71	88	37	138	175	29	5	141	4	0	6	0	0	0
6	27	31	58	58	63	121	85	94	179	16	1	162	13	1	16	0	0	0
7	14	25	39	32	45	77	46	70	116	16	5	95	9	4	2	1	0	0
9	31	12	43	67	17	84	98	29	127	4	1	122	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	28	22	50	56	28	84	84	50	134	2	0	132	1	0	2	0	0	0
11	37	37	74	55	98	153	92	135	227	6	15	206	2	11	8	0	0	0
12	6	15	21	17	17	34	23	32	55	2	8	45	0	6	0	0	0	0
13	22	14	36	34	10	44	56	24	80	2	0	78	1	0	0	0	0	0
14	28	23	51	45	34	79	73	57	130	7	0	123	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	33	61	94	32	99	131	65	160	225	85	7	133	1	5	0	0	0	0
16	31	12	43	32	30	62	63	42	105	8	1	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	7	63	70	18	87	105	25	150	175	50	4	121	4	4	2	1	0	0
18	0	4	4	0	11	11	0	15	15	1	14	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
19	14	3	17	17	17	34	31	20	51	0	12	39	0	5	0	0	0	0
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21	36	79	115	40	116	156	76	195	271	59	43	169	5	16	0	1	8	0
22	73	24	97	102	47	149	175	71	246	17	1	228	2	0	0	0	0	0
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28	35	55	90	36	51	87	71	106	177	6	9	162	1	2	0	0	0	0
31	28	38	66	48	61	109	76	99	175	25	4	146	3	1	0	0	0	0
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33	28	47	75	43	82	125	71	129	200	38	6	156	9	2	3	0	0	0
34	10	23	33	32	37	69	42	60	102	0	6	96	0	3	0	0	0	0
35	81	74	155	112	101	213	193	175	368	13	14	341	0	0	0	0	0	0
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39	15	18	33	31	67	98	46	85	131	34	13	84	4	3	0	0	0	0
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46	8	5	13	5	2	7	13	7	20	4	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
47	30	23	53	42	64	106	72	87	159	7	16	136	1	5	2	0	0	1
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51	41	40	81	47	62	109	88	102	190	0	25	165	0	8	13	0	0	0
52	23	57	80	23	80	103	46	137	183	1	0	182	1	0	0	1	0	0
53	23	46	69	45	93	138	68	139	207	12	5	190	2	1	6	0	0	0
56	10	22	32	6	104	110	16	126	142	16	6	120	3	2	0	0	0	0
57	13	37	50	9	29	38	22	66	88	11	3	74	1	0	1	0	0	1
58	53	66	119	60	109	169	113	175	288	13	0	275	0	0	1	0	0	0
59	16	44	60	25	59	84	41	103	144	31	32	81	6	12	4	0	0	0
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62	18	19	37	9	13	22	27	32	59	4	1	54	0	1	0	0	0	0
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64	28	48	76	37	31	68	65	79	144	0	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	0
65	80	50	130	94	70	164	174	120	294	10	0	284	4	0	2	0	0	0
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