

Table 3 Selected indicators to evaluate the activity of palliative care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

Indicators	R	F	CVI
Existence of a current national palliative care plan, programme, policy or strategy	8	8	1
Number of specialized palliative care services in the country per population	8	7	1
Paediatric palliative care provision	8	7	1
Line item for palliative care in the national health budget for the Ministry of Health or equivalent government agency	8	6	1
Education for prequalified doctors/nurses	8	8	0.9
Availability of morphine and other strong opioids	8	8	0.9
Inclusion of palliative care services in the basic package of health services	8	7	0.9
Professional vitality regarding palliative care	8	7	0.9
Reported annual opioid consumption - excluding methadone - in morphine equivalence per capita	8	7	0.8
Specific palliative care national law	7	6	0.8
Level of public awareness of palliative care	7	6	0.8
Process of official specialization in palliative medicine for physicians, recognized by the competent authority	7	8	0.7
Palliative care included in health insurance plans	7	6	0.7
Centres of excellence for palliative clinical care, education and research	7	6	0.6
Grants to finance palliative care research	7	6	0.5

CVI = content validity index; F = feasibility; R = relevance.