

NEW PATHWAY INCREASES EARLY PALLIATIVE CARE

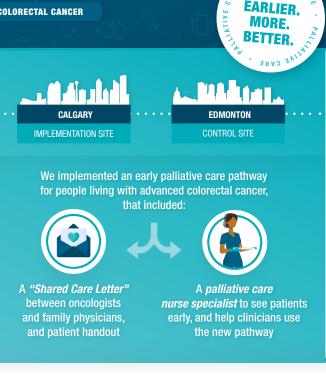
FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH ADVANCED COLORECTAL CANCER

The Problem

Integrating palliative care earlier in the process



Most people living with advanced colorectal cancer only receive specialist palliative care in the **last two months of life**, despite research showing the benefit of early palliative care.



What Did We Find?

The duration of palliative care involvement went up to a median of *240 days before death* for those who got both the Shared Care Letter and the Palliative Nurse Specialist, compared to *86 days* for those who got neither, in Calgary. Comparing those who died in **Calgary** *(intervention site)* with those who died in **Edmonton** *(control site)* in a before-after comparison:







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