TRENDS IN DEATHS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLICATIONS OF CARE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

- Complications of care were the ninth leading cause of injury death in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Between 1998 and 2002, 174 people died as a result of complications of care in NSW.
- There was no statistically significant trend in complications of care death rates in NSW from 1986 to 2002.


- People aged 65+ years had the highest rates of death due to complications of care in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- Males accounted for 49% of all complications of care deaths in NSW from 1998 to 2002.
- From 1998 to 2002, procedures causing abnormal reaction or complication of care after procedure (66%) and drugs, medicaments in therapeutic use (26%) were the most common causes of complications of care death in NSW.