

Table 1. Characteristics of deceased patients who were terminally discharged versus comparator group.

Characteristics	TD patients (n=200)	Non-TD patients (n=434)	P value
Mean age (SD), years	75.3 (12.7)	74.5 (11.8)	0.438
Disease type, no. (%)			<0.001
Cancer	98 (49.0)	372 (85.7)	
Non-cancer	102 (51.0)	62 (14.3)	
Sex, no. (%)			0.557
Male	89 (44.5)	204 (47.0)	
Female	111 (55.5)	230 (53.0)	
Ethnicity, no. (%)			0.044
Chinese	150 (75.0)	330 (76.0)	
Malay	25 (12.5)	75 (17.3)	
Indian	13 (6.5)	18 (4.2)	
Others	12 (6.0)	11 (2.5)	
Service-days, ^a days			0.003
Median	4	3	
Range	0–121	0–64	
IQR	2.0–7.8	2.0–5.0	
Cancer subgroup			<0.001
Non-cancer subgroup			0.358
Service utilisation^b	TD patients (n=150)	Non-TD patients (n=356)	
Mean total contacts per service-day, no. (SD)	1.81 (1.29)	1.50 (0.90)	0.049
Cancer subgroup			0.015
Non-Cancer subgroup			0.389
Mean visits per service-day, no. (SD)	0.72 (0.60)	0.74 (0.45)	0.045
Cancer subgroup			0.419
Non-Cancer subgroup			0.647
Mean calls per service-day, no. (SD)	1.10 (0.90)	0.77 (0.70)	<0.001
Cancer subgroup			<0.001
Non-Cancer subgroup			0.203

IQR; interquartile range; SD: standard deviation

^a For TD patients, duration of service (service-days) is defined as the number of days from terminal discharge to death. For Non-TD patients, it is defined as the number of days between initiation of “Care-of-the-Dying” Pathway until death.

^b Computed for the subset of patients who died within 7 days for both groups (n=150 for TD patients and n=356 for non-TD patients).

Bold values indicate statistical significance ($P<0.05$).