Figure 1 Flow chart to illustrate the stages of the Delphi process

1. Creation of the EMRO-WHO* regional PC network

The WHO Eastern Mediterranean Regional Office (EMRO) established a regional network for palliative care



2. Identification of in-country experts

The EMRO-WHO* regional network of Palliative Care chose in-country PC experts (Criteria: network membership, nomination by members, or palliative care scientific pulbications)



3. Delphi Consensus process

In-country experts were invited to a two-round delphi process on relevant and feasibility of region-specific PC indicators

11 indicators (World Map and the Brief Manual of Palliative Care
Indicators) were rated.
The experts proposed 20 new indicators.



11 indicators from first round were re-rated and 13 new indicators rated for the first time



4. Selection of indicators

Indicators with relevance and feasibility average values ≥ 7, and a content validity index of ≥0.7 were considered adequate.

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