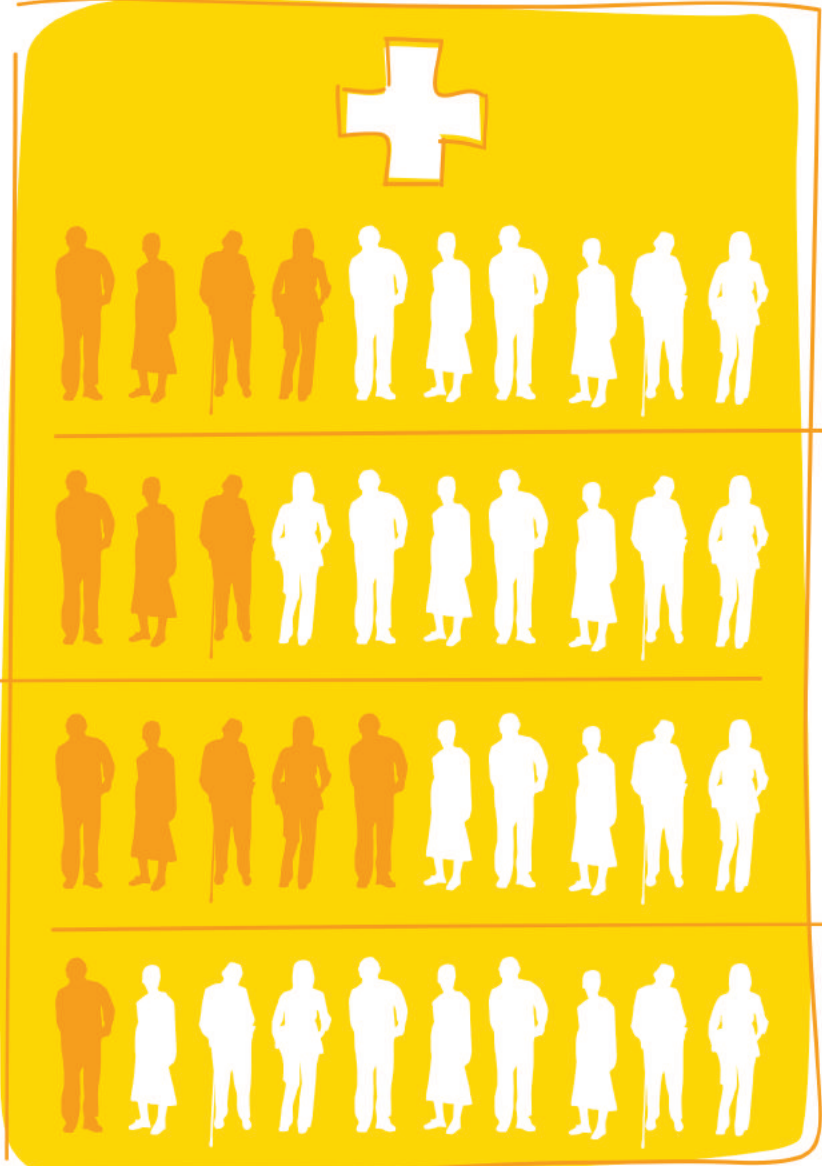


# Imminence of death among a national cohort of hospital inpatients

**3 out of 10 people**  
in hospital are in the  
last year of life

**1 out of 10 people**  
in hospital will die during  
their current hospital stay



**4 out of 10 people**  
in hospital are aged over 75

**Almost half of people over 85**  
in hospital are in the  
last year of life

Research carried out by the University of Glasgow looked back at over 10,000 inpatients in 25 Scottish hospitals on a single day in 2010, examining the likelihood of death within 12 months. A similar study was carried out in 2013, partly funded by Marie Curie, and showed almost identical results.

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