

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for Cancer



Cancer criteria must have Part A or B

- A. Disease with metastases at presentation
Or
- B. Progression from an earlier stage to metastatic disease with either:
1. Continued decline in spite of therapy; or
 2. Patient declines further disease directed therapy

Cancers with poor prognosis (small cell lung, brain, and pancreatic) may be hospice eligible without fulfilling the other criteria.

Non-disease specific guidelines to be used in conjunction with above criteria (both A and B should be met)

- A. Decline in Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) or Palliative Performance Score (PPS) <70%
- [Click here for KPS](#) _____
[Click here for PPS](#) _____

- B. Must be dependent on 2 or more of the following ADLs

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| Feeding | _____ | Ambulation | _____ | Continence | _____ |
| Transfer | _____ | Bathing | _____ | Dressing | _____ |

Co-Morbidity severity should be considered in determining prognosis for hospice eligibility:

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| COPD | _____ | CHF | _____ | Ischemic heart disease | _____ |
| Diabetes mellitus | _____ | Neurologic dx | _____ | Renal failure | _____ |
| Liver disease | _____ | Neoplasia | _____ | AIDS | _____ |
| Dementia | _____ | Other | _____ | Refractory severe autoimmune disease | _____ |

Information obtained from: ngsmedicare.com/NGSMedicare/lcd/L25678_active_lcd.htm dated 6.5.09. This sheet is designed as a fact-finding tool to help determine prognosis as it relates to making a hospice referral. This sheet is not intended to be used to formulate diagnosis and does not confirm/rule out hospice qualification. If the patient meets the factors you may wish to make a referral to Hospice of Spokane. You may do so by calling 509.456.0438 or filling out the online referral form at <http://hospiceofspokane.org/admissions.html>.

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