

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for Cancer



Cancer criteria: patient 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

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

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

COPD	_____	CHF	_____	Ischemic heart disease	_____
Diabetes mellitus	_____	Neurologic dx	_____	Renal failure	_____
Liver disease	_____	Neoplasia	_____	HIV/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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