

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% (See back)

KPS _____

PPS _____

- B. Must be dependent in 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	_____	AIDS	_____
Dementia	_____	Other	_____	Refractory severe autoimmune disease	_____

Karnofsky Status – Pick one value (status of 70% or less required)

Moribund / imminent death	10 _____
Very sick / active supportive tx	20 _____
Severely disabled / req close monitoring	30 _____
Disabled / req special care / assistance	40 _____
Req much assistance / freq med care	50 _____
Req occasional assist / self care most ADL	60 _____
Self Care ADL's / limited activity	70 _____
Normal activity with effort / S&S of dx	80 _____
Normal activity / minor S&S of dx	90 _____
No evidence of dx	100 _____

Palliative Performance Score – (Poor functional status at or below 70%)

Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: mouth care only; drowsy or coma	10 _____
Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: minimal to sips; full or drowsy	20 _____
Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: normal / reduced; full or drowsy	30 _____
Mainly in bed / unable to do most activity mainly assist; intake: normal / reduced; full or drowsy	40 _____
Mainly sit / lie / unable to do any work; considerable assistance req; intake: normal / reduced; full or confusion	50 _____
Activity unable hobby / housework; req occasional assistance; intake: normal / reduced; full consciousness / confusion	60 _____
Unable to do normal job / work; indep. care; intake: normal / reduced; full consciousness	70 _____
Full / normal activity with effort; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	80 _____
Full / normal activity and work; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	90 _____
Full / normal activity and work; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	100 _____

Karnofsky Status (<70%) _____

Palliative Performance Score (<70%) _____