

Hospice Indicators for Patients with Cancer

Indicators

- ☐ Karnofsky Performance Status less than 70%
- ☐ Palliative Performance Score less than 70%
- ☐ Disease with metastases and/or stage 3-4
- ☐ Curative treatment is ineffective and/or is having negative impact on quality of life
- ☐ Comorbidities likely to contribute to a life expectancy of six months or less
- ☐ Increasing pain and/or symptoms
- ☐ Terminal prognosis with few treatments left
- ☐ Unintentional weight loss
- ☐ Progression from an earlier stage of disease to metastatic disease with either:
 - ☐ A continued decline in spite of therapy
 - ☐ Patient declines further disease-directed therapy

Note: Certain cancers with poor prognoses may be hospice-eligible without additional indicators.

Category 1: Treatable

High or moderate expectation of cure

- ☐ Testicular carcinoma
- ☐ Choriocarcinoma and trophoblastic malignancy
- ☐ Childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- ☐ Other pediatric malignancies
- ☐ Acute promyelocytic leukemia
- ☐ Hodgkin's disease

Category 2: Treatable

High probability of complete remission

Low probability of cure

- ☐ Ovarian carcinoma
- ☐ Adult acute myeloblastic leukemia and acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- ☐ Intermediate and high-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- ☐ Small cell (oat cell) bronchogenic carcinoma

Category 3: Treatable

Incurable when metastatic, favorable prognosis

- ☐ Prostate carcinoma
- ☐ Breast carcinoma
- ☐ Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
- ☐ Chronic myelocytic leukemia and the myeloproliferative disorders
- ☐ Low-grade non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- ☐ Multiple myeloma and the immunoproliferative disorders
- ☐ Thyroid carcinoma (except anaplastic)

Category 4: Treatable in a minority of patients with metastatic disease

Less favorable prognosis

- ☐ Bladder carcinoma
- ☐ Primary brain tumors
- ☐ Gynecological malignancies, non-ovary
- ☐ Colorectal carcinoma
- ☐ Non-small-cell bronchogenic carcinoma
- ☐ Head, neck, esophageal, gastric, pancreatic or renal cell carcinomas
- ☐ Soft-tissue sarcoma

Category 5: Generally unresponsive to standard therapy

- ☐ Malignant melanoma
- ☐ Hepatobiliary and gall bladder carcinoma
- ☐ Adrenal carcinoma
- ☐ AIDS-associated high-grade lymphoma



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