

ALL OTHER DIAGNOSES

1. The patient should meet the following criteria:

- Life limiting condition
- Pt/Family elected palliative care

2. Documentation of clinical progression of disease evidenced by

- physician assessment
- laboratory studies
- radiologic or other studies
- multiple ER visits
- Inpatient hospitalizations
- home health nursing assessment if homebound

and/or

3. Recent decline in functional status as evidenced by:

Karnofsky Performance Status < 50% (Page 2)

Check level:

- 50% Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care
- 40% Disabled; requires special care and assistance. Unable to care for self; disease may be progressing rapidly
- 30% Severly disabled; although death is not imminent
- 20% Very sick; active supportive treatment necessary
- 10% Moribund: fatal processes progressing rapidly

and/or

4. Dependence in 3 of 6 Activities of Daily Living

Check activities in which patient is dependent:

- bathing
- dressing
- feeding
- transfers
- continence of urine and stool
- ambulation

and/or

1. Recent impairment of nutritional status evidenced by:

(check all appropriate)

- unintentional, progressive weight loss of 10% over past 6 months
- serum albumin less than 2.5 gm/dl (may be helpful prognostic indicator but should not be used by itself)

KARNOFSKY PERFORMANCE STATUS SCALE DEFINITIONS RATING (%) CRITERIA

Able to carry on normal activity and to work; no special care needed.	100	Normal no complaints; no evidence of disease
	90	Able to carry on normal activity; minor signs or symptoms of disease
	80	Normal activity with effort; some signs or symptoms of disease
Unable to work; able to live at home and care for most personal needs; varying amount of assistance needed.	70	Cares for self; unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work.
	60	Requires occasional assistance, but is able to care for most of his personal needs.
	50	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care.
Unable to care for self; requires equivalent of institutional or hospital care; disease may be progressing rapidly.	40	Disabled; requires special care and assistance.
	30	Severely disabled; hospital admission is indicated although death not imminent.
	20	Very sick; hospital admission necessary; active supportive treatment necessary.
	10	Moribund; fatal processes progressing rapidly.
	0	Dead