

# Hospice Admission Guidelines

## Cancer

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1. Disease with metastases at presentation

OR

2. Progression from an earlier stage of disease to metastatic disease with either:

- continued decline despite therapy
- patient declines further disease directed therapy

NOTE: Certain cancers with poor prognoses (e.g. small cell lung cancer, brain cancer & pancreatic cancer) may be hospice eligible without fulfilling the other criteria in this section.

### Comparative Data

Increase in Tumor Size - Tumor was size of golf ball, now is size of softball

Decrease in activity - Was able to go out & enjoy activity, now staying in room

Comorbidities - CHF, COPD, etc.

Decrease in intake - Was eating 100% of meals 1 month ago, now eating only 1 meal per day, complains of change in taste, weight change, anorexia

Depression & Anxiety - Was very social interacting with people, now staying in room, not talkative

Medication changes - Needs depression & anxiety medications

Increase in Pain - Change in pain intensity, pain interferes with activity

Change in ADL's - Needs assistance with bathing & dressing, PPS was 60% 2 months ago from today, PPS 40%, increased weakness

Change in skin - Pallor, lesions, wounds, nonhealing wounds, dusky, bruising

### Comorbidities

Kidney Failure

Pain

SOB

Bleeding

Skin Problems

Anorexia

Ascites



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