



All Other Diagnosis

1. The patient should meet the following criteria:

- Life limiting condition
 Patient/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% Severely 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 that apply)

- 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)