

Cancer

The patient has 1, 2 **and** 3:

1. Clinical findings of malignancy with widespread, aggressive or progressive disease as evidenced by increasing symptoms, worsening lab values and/or evidence of metastatic disease.
2. Impaired performance status with a Palliative Performance Score (PPS) <70%.
(See Appendix 2)
3. Patient is uninterested in further curative therapy or continues to decline despite definitive therapy. Decline is evidenced by one of the following:
 - Hypercalcemia ≥ 12
 - Cachexia or weight loss of 5% in the preceding three months
 - Recurrent disease after surgery/radiation/chemotherapy
 - No present goals to pursue curative or prolonging cancer treatment
 - Signs and symptoms of advanced disease (e.g. nausea, anemia, malignant ascites, pleural effusion, etc.)

In the absence of one or more of the above findings, rapid decline or co-morbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.