

# 127: Chemotherapy within Last Two Weeks of Life



## **Why do we want to decrease the number of people receiving chemotherapy at the end of life?**

- Chemotherapy at the end of life is associated with lower quality of life for patients and caregivers
- Quality of life in general, and at the end of a person's life specifically, has become an area of focus
- We prioritize decreasing unnecessary and burdensome treatments and increasing patients' and caregivers' quality of life

## **For whom could chemotherapy within last two weeks of life be collected?**

- All patients who died from cancer or cancer treatment

## **Where can chemotherapy within last two weeks of life be documented?**

- Oncologist's note
- Hospice form
- Death certificate
- Medication Administration Record
- Infusion notes
- Pharmacist notes

## **What are the common challenges documenting this measure?**

- Difficulty finding last date of oral chemotherapy administration
- Challenges in finding date of death
- Determining if cause of death is related to cancer diagnosis/treatment
- Difficulty finding information in inpatient notes