

Duration on Hospice:

126b: >7 days before death

126c: >30 days before death



Why do we want longer duration on hospice?

- Hospice is appropriate for patients with advanced terminal illness who have a life expectancy of ≤ 6 months
- Large evidence base supports advantages of early hospice enrollment
- Many patients enroll in hospice for 3 days or less before their death
- Utilizing hospice longer provides more benefit to patients and caregivers

For whom could duration on hospice be collected?

- All patients with a cancer diagnosis who died on hospice

Where can duration on hospice be documented?

- Oncologist's note
- Hospice provider/facility note in EMR
- EMR tab "Documents"
- EMR tab "Referrals"
- "Search" option

What are the common challenges documenting this measure?

- Difficulty in locating a hospice referral in EMR
- No uniform hospice documentation
- Lack of "search" option in certain EMRs