

# 127a: Any Anticancer Therapy within Last 14 Days of Life



## What is anticancer therapy?

- Anticancer therapy includes chemotherapy, radiation therapy, immunotherapy, and others, regardless of treatment intent, route of administration
- Hormonal therapies & supportive care therapies are NOT included

## Why is this measure important?

Treatment at the end of life rarely provide meaningful benefit, may worsen quality of life, increase toxicity and financial strain, and can create confusion for patients and caregivers about goals of care and appropriate treatment decisions.

## For whom could anticancer therapy within last two weeks of life be collected?

- All patients who died from cancer or cancer treatment
- Hormonal therapies & supportive care therapies are NOT included

## Where can abstractors find this information?

- Oncologist or pharmacist note
- Hospice form
- Death certificate
- Medication Administration Record
- Infusion notes
- Medication List in EMR

## What are the common challenges of abstracting this measure?

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