

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%
3. Refuses further curative therapy or continues to decline despite definitive therapy. Decline is evidenced by:
 - Hypercalcemia ≥ 12
 - Cachexia or weight loss of 5% in the preceding three months
 - Recurrent disease after surgery/radiation/chemotherapy
 - Refusal to pursue additional curative or prolonging cancer treatment
 - Signs and symptoms of advanced disease (e.g., nausea, anemia, malignant ascites or pleural effusion, etc.)

The following information will be required:

1. Tissue diagnosis of malignancy
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2. Reason(s) why a tissue diagnosis is not available
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