



## Measure Information

This document contains the information submitted by measure developers/stewards, but is organized according to NQF's measure evaluation criteria and process. The item numbers refer to those in the submission form but may be in a slightly different order here. In general, the item numbers also reference the related criteria (e.g., item 1b.1 relates to subcriterion 1b).

### Brief Measure Information

**NQF #:** 0216

**Corresponding Measures:**

**De.2. Measure Title:** Proportion of patients who died from cancer admitted to hospice for less than 3 days

**Co.1.1. Measure Steward:** American Society of Clinical Oncology

**De.3. Brief Description of Measure:** Proportion of patients who died from cancer, and admitted to hospice and spent less than 3 days there

**1b.1. Developer Rationale:** Although the use of hospice and other palliative care services at the end of life has increased, many patients are enrolled in hospice for 3 days or less before their death, which limits the benefit they may gain from these services. One recent retrospective study of more than 64,000 patients with cancer who were admitted to hospice found that over 16% of those patients were only enrolled in the last three days of life or less (O'Connor, 2014). The rate of patients who do not have a hospice referral prior to death continues to be higher than desired with one study reporting that more than 30% of patients were not referred and of those patients, only 7% had a documented discussion on the option of palliative care (O'Connor, 2015). Patients enrolled in hospice experience increased survival times along with a reduction in resource use such as aggressive end of life care and hospital admissions; benefits that increased the longer patients are enrolled in hospice (Lee, 2015; Langton, 2014).

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**S.4. Numerator Statement:** Patients who died from cancer and spent fewer than three days in hospice.

**S.7. Denominator Statement:** Patients who died from cancer who were admitted to hospice

**S.10. Denominator Exclusions:** None

**De.1. Measure Type:** Intermediate Clinical Outcome

**S.23. Data Source:** Claims (Only), Registry

**S.26. Level of Analysis:** Clinician : Group/Practice

**IF Endorsement Maintenance – Original Endorsement Date:** Oct 01, 2007 **Most Recent Endorsement Date:** Oct 26, 2016

**IF this measure is included in a composite, NQF Composite#/title:**

**IF this measure is paired/grouped, NQF#/title:**

**De.4. IF PAIRED/GROUPED, what is the reason this measure must be reported with other measures to appropriately interpret results?**

### 1. Evidence, Performance Gap, Priority – Importance to Measure and Report

Extent to which the specific measure focus is evidence-based, important to making significant gains in healthcare quality, and improving health outcomes for a specific high-priority (high-impact) aspect of healthcare where there is variation in or overall less-than-optimal performance. **Measures must be judged to meet all subcriteria to pass this criterion and be evaluated against the remaining criteria.**

**1a. Evidence to Support the Measure Focus – See attached Evidence Submission Form**

[0216\\_Evidence\\_Form\\_3.16.16.docx](#)

**1b. Performance Gap**

Demonstration of quality problems and opportunity for improvement, i.e., data demonstrating:

- considerable variation, or overall less-than-optimal performance, in the quality of care across providers; and/or
- disparities in care across population groups.

**1b.1. Briefly explain the rationale for this measure (e.g., the benefits or improvements in quality envisioned by use of this measure)**

Although the use of hospice and other palliative care services at the end of life has increased, many patients are enrolled in hospice for 3 days or less before their death, which limits the benefit they may gain from these services. One recent retrospective study of more than 64,000 patients with cancer who were admitted to hospice found that over 16% of those patients were only enrolled in the last three days of life or less (O'Connor, 2014). The rate of patients who do not have a hospice referral prior to death continues to be higher than desired with one study reporting that more than 30% of patients were not referred and of those patients, only 7% had a documented discussion on the option of palliative care (O'Connor, 2015). Patients enrolled in hospice experience increased survival times along with a reduction in resource use such as aggressive end of life care and hospital admissions; benefits that increased the longer patients are enrolled in hospice (Lee, 2015; Langton, 2014).

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**1b.2. Provide performance scores on the measure as specified (current and over time) at the specified level of analysis. (This is required for endorsement maintenance. Include mean, std dev, min, max, interquartile range, scores by decile. Describe the data source including number of measured entities; number of patients; dates of data; if a sample, characteristics of the entities included). This information also will be used to address the subcriterion on improvement (4b.1) under Usability and Use.**

This data was produced from the QOPI® registry and data was abstracted for a sample of patients seen with the data collection period. Data is reported at the practice level.

In 2013, 178 practices reported on 4951 charts.

In 2014, 170 practices reported on 5021 charts.

In 2015, 222 practices reported on 7239 charts.

	2013	2014	2015
Total Patient Population (%)	10.91	16.79	16.95
Mean	16.63	18.22	17.86
Minimum		0	0
Maximum		100	100
Standard Deviation	16.46	17.60	14.50
Percentiles			
10	0	0	0
25	4.76	7.14	7.14

50	12.97	14.64	15.38
75	25.00	23.81	25.81
90	36.36	38.28	33.33
95	50	50.00	46.67

**1b.3.** If no or limited performance data on the measure as specified is reported in 1b2, then provide a summary of data from the literature that indicates opportunity for improvement or overall less than optimal performance on the specific focus of measurement.

**1b.4.** Provide disparities data from the measure as specified (current and over time) by population group, e.g., by race/ethnicity, gender, age, insurance status, socioeconomic status, and/or disability. (This is required for endorsement maintenance. Describe the data source including number of measured entities; number of patients; dates of data; if a sample, characteristics of the entities include.) This information also will be used to address the subcriterion on improvement (4b.1) under Usability and Use.

This data was produced from the QOPI® registry and data was abstracted for a sample of patients seen with the data collection period. Data is calculated at the chart level as demographics are not currently calculated at the practice level.

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	2013	2014	2015
Total Measure			
Population	10.91	16.79	16.95
Female	10.56	14.86	16.38
Male	11.24	18.57	17.48
Hispanic	10.91	25.84	19.83
White	12.02	16.18	17.08
Black	7.89	19.66	21.33
Other	10.61	13.79	13.87

**1b.5.** If no or limited data on disparities from the measure as specified is reported in 1b4, then provide a summary of data from the literature that addresses disparities in care on the specific focus of measurement. Include citations.

**1c. High Priority** (previously referred to as High Impact)

The measure addresses:

- a specific national health goal/priority identified by DHHS or the National Priorities Partnership convened by NQF; OR
- a demonstrated high-priority (high-impact) aspect of healthcare (e.g., affects large numbers of patients and/or has a substantial impact for a smaller population; leading cause of morbidity/mortality; high resource use (current and/or future); severity of illness; and severity of patient/societal consequences of poor quality).

**1c.1. Demonstrated high priority aspect of healthcare**

**1c.2. If Other:**

**1c.3.** Provide epidemiologic or resource use data that demonstrates the measure addresses a high priority aspect of healthcare. List citations in 1c.4.

**1c.4. Citations for data demonstrating high priority provided in 1a.3**

**1c.5. If a PRO-PM (e.g. HRQoL/functional status, symptom/burden, experience with care, health-related behaviors), provide evidence that the target population values the measured PRO and finds it meaningful. (Describe how and from whom their input was obtained.)**

## 2. Reliability and Validity—Scientific Acceptability of Measure Properties

Extent to which the measure, as specified, produces consistent (reliable) and credible (valid) results about the quality of care when implemented. **Measures must be judged to meet the subcriteria for both reliability and validity to pass this criterion and be evaluated against the remaining criteria.**

**2a.1. Specifications** The measure is well defined and precisely specified so it can be implemented consistently within and across organizations and allows for comparability. eMeasures should be specified in the Health Quality Measures Format (HQMF) and the Quality Data Model (QDM).

**De.5. Subject/Topic Area** (check all the areas that apply):

Cancer, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care

**De.6. Non-Condition Specific** (check all the areas that apply):

**S.1. Measure-specific Web Page** (Provide a URL link to a web page specific for this measure that contains current detailed specifications including code lists, risk model details, and supplemental materials. Do not enter a URL linking to a home page or to general information.)

No webpage available

**S.2a. If this is an eMeasure**, HQMF specifications must be attached. Attach the zipped output from the eMeasure authoring tool (MAT) - if the MAT was not used, contact staff. (Use the specification fields in this online form for the plain-language description of the specifications)

This is not an eMeasure Attachment:

**S.2b. Data Dictionary, Code Table, or Value Sets** (and risk model codes and coefficients when applicable) must be attached. (Excel or csv file in the suggested format preferred - if not, contact staff)

No data dictionary Attachment:

**S.3. For endorsement maintenance**, please briefly describe any changes to the measure specifications since last endorsement date and explain the reasons.

No changes have been made since last endorsement

**S.4. Numerator Statement** (Brief, narrative description of the measure focus or what is being measured about the target population, i.e., cases from the target population with the target process, condition, event, or outcome)

IF an OUTCOME MEASURE, state the outcome being measured. Calculation of the risk-adjusted outcome should be described in the calculation algorithm.

Patients who died from cancer and spent fewer than three days in hospice.

**S.5. Time Period for Data** (What is the time period in which data will be aggregated for the measure, e.g., 12 mo, 3 years, look back to August for flu vaccination? Note if there are different time periods for the numerator and denominator.)

Last 3 days of life

**S.6. Numerator Details** (All information required to identify and calculate the cases from the target population with the target process, condition, event, or outcome such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)

IF an OUTCOME MEASURE, describe how the observed outcome is identified/counted. Calculation of the risk-adjusted outcome should be described in the calculation algorithm.

Claims: Medicare HOSPICE file only:

Subtracted hospice admission date (admndate) from death date variable to get hospice length of stay.

Registry:

Date of Death – Hospice Enrollment Date <= 3 days

**S.7. Denominator Statement** (Brief, narrative description of the target population being measured)

Patients who died from cancer who were admitted to hospice

**S.8. Target Population Category** (Check all the populations for which the measure is specified and tested if any):

Elderly

**S.9. Denominator Details** (All information required to identify and calculate the target population/denominator such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)

Claims: Patients in the death registry with cancer as their cause of death who also appear in the Medicare hospice file. In the cited analyses by the measure submitter, this is a field in the cancer registry or denominator file not requiring specific codes. This may be different in other administrative data sets.

Registry:

Deceased = Yes, patient is deceased as a consequence of his/her cancer or cancer treatment

AND

Hospice Enrollment = Yes

**S.10. Denominator Exclusions** (Brief narrative description of exclusions from the target population)

None

**S.11. Denominator Exclusion Details** (All information required to identify and calculate exclusions from the denominator such as definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format at S.2b)

Not applicable

**S.12. Stratification Details/Variables** (All information required to stratify the measure results including the stratification variables, definitions, specific data collection items/responses, code/value sets – Note: lists of individual codes with descriptors that exceed 1 page should be provided in an Excel or csv file in required format with at S.2b)

Not applicable

**S.13. Risk Adjustment Type** (Select type. Provide specifications for risk stratification in S.12 and for statistical model in S.14-15)

No risk adjustment or risk stratification

If other:

**S.14. Identify the statistical risk model method and variables** (Name the statistical method - e.g., logistic regression and list all the risk factor variables. Note - risk model development and testing should be addressed with measure testing under Scientific Acceptability)

Not applicable

**S.15. Detailed risk model specifications** (must be in attached data dictionary/code list Excel or csv file. Also indicate if available at measure-specific URL identified in S.1.)

Note: Risk model details (including coefficients, equations, codes with descriptors, definitions), should be provided on a separate worksheet in the suggested format in the Excel or csv file with data dictionary/code lists at S.2b.

**S.15a. Detailed risk model specifications** (if not provided in excel or csv file at S.2b)

**S.16. Type of score:**

Rate/proportion

If other:

**S.17. Interpretation of Score** (Classifies interpretation of score according to whether better quality is associated with a higher score, a lower score, a score falling within a defined interval, or a passing score)

Better quality = Lower score

**S.18. Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic** (Describe the calculation of the measure score as an ordered sequence of steps including identifying the target population; exclusions; cases meeting the target process, condition, event, or outcome; aggregating data; risk adjustment; etc.)

Performance is calculated as:

1. Identify those patients that meet the denominator criteria defined in the measure.
2. Subtract those patients with a denominator exclusion from the denominator. Note: this measure does not have any denominator exclusions
3. From the patients who qualify for the denominator (after any exclusions are removed), identify those who meet the numerator criteria.
4. Calculation: Numerator/Denominator-Denominator Exclusions

**S.19. Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic Diagram URL or Attachment** (You also may provide a diagram of the Calculation Algorithm/Measure Logic described above at measure-specific Web page URL identified in S.1 OR in attached appendix at A.1)

No diagram provided

**S.20. Sampling** (If measure is based on a sample, provide instructions for obtaining the sample and guidance on minimum sample size.)

IF a PRO-PM, identify whether (and how) proxy responses are allowed.

**S.21. Survey/Patient-reported data** (If measure is based on a survey, provide instructions for conducting the survey and guidance on minimum response rate.)

IF a PRO-PM, specify calculation of response rates to be reported with performance measure results.

Not applicable

**S.22. Missing data** (specify how missing data are handled, e.g., imputation, delete case.)

Required for Composites and PRO-PMs.

This measure is specified with defined criteria and data elements. If a patient record does not include one or more of these components for the initial patient population or denominator, then patients are not considered eligible for the measure and not included.

If data to determine whether a patient should be considered for the numerator or exclusions is missing, then the numerator or exclusions not considered to be met and the practice will not get credit for meeting performance for that patient.

**S.23. Data Source** (Check ONLY the sources for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED).

If other, please describe in S.24.

Claims (Only), Registry

**S.24. Data Source or Collection Instrument** (Identify the specific data source/data collection instrument e.g. name of database, clinical registry, collection instrument, etc.)

IF a PRO-PM, identify the specific PROM(s); and standard methods, modes, and languages of administration.

ASCO Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®)

**S.25. Data Source or Collection Instrument** (available at measure-specific Web page URL identified in S.1 OR in attached appendix at A.1)

No data collection instrument provided

**S.26. Level of Analysis** (Check ONLY the levels of analysis for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED)

Clinician : Group/Practice

**S.27. Care Setting** (Check *ONLY* the settings for which the measure is SPECIFIED AND TESTED)

Clinician Office/Clinic, Hospice, Hospital

If other:

**S.28. COMPOSITE Performance Measure** - Additional Specifications (Use this section as needed for aggregation and weighting rules, or calculation of individual performance measures if not individually endorsed.)

Not applicable

**2a. Reliability** – See attached Measure Testing Submission Form

**2b. Validity** – See attached Measure Testing Submission Form

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### 3. Feasibility

Extent to which the specifications including measure logic, require data that are readily available or could be captured without undue burden and can be implemented for performance measurement.

#### 3a. Byproduct of Care Processes

For clinical measures, the required data elements are routinely generated and used during care delivery (e.g., blood pressure, lab test, diagnosis, medication order).

##### 3a.1. Data Elements Generated as Byproduct of Care Processes.

Coded by someone other than person obtaining original information (e.g., DRG, ICD-9 codes on claims), Abstracted from a record by someone other than person obtaining original information (e.g., chart abstraction for quality measure or registry)

If other:

#### 3b. Electronic Sources

The required data elements are available in electronic health records or other electronic sources. If the required data are not in electronic health records or existing electronic sources, a credible, near-term path to electronic collection is specified.

**3b.1. To what extent are the specified data elements available electronically in defined fields?** (i.e., data elements that are needed to compute the performance measure score are in defined, computer-readable fields)

ALL data elements are in defined fields in electronic clinical data (e.g., clinical registry, nursing home MDS, home health OASIS)

**3b.2. If ALL the data elements needed to compute the performance measure score are not from electronic sources, specify a credible, near-term path to electronic capture, OR provide a rationale for using other than electronic sources.**

**3b.3. If this is an eMeasure, provide a summary of the feasibility assessment in an attached file or make available at a measure-specific URL.**

No feasibility assessment Attachment:

#### 3c. Data Collection Strategy

Demonstration that the data collection strategy (e.g., source, timing, frequency, sampling, patient confidentiality, costs associated with fees/licensing of proprietary measures) can be implemented (e.g., already in operational use, or testing demonstrates that it is ready to put into operational use). For eMeasures, a feasibility assessment addresses the data elements and measure logic and demonstrates the eMeasure can be implemented or feasibility concerns can be adequately addressed.

**3c.1. Describe what you have learned/modified as a result of testing and/or operational use of the measure regarding data collection, availability of data, missing data, timing and frequency of data collection, sampling, patient confidentiality, time and cost of data collection, other feasibility/implementation issues.**

**IF a PRO-PM, consider implications for both individuals providing PROM data (patients, service recipients, respondents) and those whose performance is being measured.**

The measure and its specifications have been in place for several years and ASCO continues to monitor and ensure that the measure and its specifications are up-to-date for widespread use.



**3c.2. Describe any fees, licensing, or other requirements to use any aspect of the measure as specified (e.g., value/code set, risk model, programming code, algorithm).**

Not applicable

## 4. Usability and Use

Extent to which potential audiences (e.g., consumers, purchasers, providers, policy makers) are using or could use performance results for both accountability and performance improvement to achieve the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

### 4a. Accountability and Transparency

Performance results are used in at least one accountability application within three years after initial endorsement and are publicly reported within six years after initial endorsement (or the data on performance results are available). If not in use at the time of initial endorsement, then a credible plan for implementation within the specified timeframes is provided.

#### 4.1. Current and Planned Use

*NQF-endorsed measures are expected to be used in at least one accountability application within 3 years and publicly reported within 6 years of initial endorsement in addition to performance improvement.*

Planned	Current Use (for current use provide URL)
Public Reporting	Payment Program CMS Physician Quality Reporting Program Qualified Clinical Data Registry <a href="http://www.instituteforquality.org/qopi/pqrs-measures-0">http://www.instituteforquality.org/qopi/pqrs-measures-0</a>

#### 4a.1. For each CURRENT use, checked above, provide:

- Name of program and sponsor
- Purpose
- Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included

##### Quality Oncology Practice Initiative:

In 2002, the American Society of Clinical Oncology established the Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®). QOPI® is a practice-based quality assessment and improvement program designed to foster a culture of self-examination and improvement in oncology. Collection rounds are offered twice per year, in spring and fall, for an eight week period. QOPI® continues to be a successful program in the United States and 12 other countries, with 441, 313, 361 and 256 unique practices participating in Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015 and Fall 2015 respectively.

##### PQRS Qualified Clinical Data Registry:

In addition to the current use for quality improvement with benchmarking in the QOPI® registry, this measure has been reported to CMS by the registry as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry. QOPI® is approved to be a Qualified Clinical Data Registry and this measure is included in the list of measures that can be reported by participating practices. QOPI® was deemed as a QCDR to report to PQRS in 2015 and 2016. Eligible professionals will be considered to have satisfactorily participated in PQRS if they submit quality measures data or results to CMS via a qualified clinical data registry. In Fall 2015, 36 practices and 3,124 patient charts were submitted to PQRS through QOPI. In late 2016, all 2015 individual-level QCDR data will be available for public reporting on Physician Compare. In 2017, both individual and group-level QCDR measures will be available for public reporting.

**4a.2. If not currently publicly reported OR used in at least one other accountability application (e.g., payment program, certification, licensing) what are the reasons? (e.g., Do policies or actions of the developer/steward or accountable entities restrict access to performance results or impede implementation?)**

As described above, this measure is included in the CMS PQRS program. CMS is planning to publicly report QCDR data. This measure

Additionally, although the measure is currently in use, we will continue to seek opportunities to advocate for expanded use of this measure in government or other programs.

**4a.3. If not currently publicly reported OR used in at least one other accountability application, provide a credible plan for**



**implementation within the expected timeframes -- any accountability application within 3 years and publicly reported within 6 years of initial endorsement.** (Credible plan includes the specific program, purpose, intended audience, and timeline for implementing the measure within the specified timeframes. A plan for accountability applications addresses mechanisms for data aggregation and reporting.)

The measure was recently considered for CMS MIPS program by the NQF Measures Application Partnership MAP and received a recommendation of support. With the MAP recommendation, it can now be considered for inclusion in the next proposed rule for this program with the earliest implementation of 2017.

This measure has also been included in Americas Health Insurance Plans Medical Oncology Core Measure Set. The purpose of this program is to reduce variability in measure selection, specifications and implementation. The measures will be implemented nationally by private health plans using a phased-in approach. Contracts between physicians and private payers are individually negotiated and therefore come up for renewal at different points in time depending on the duration of the contract. It is anticipated that private payers will implement these core sets of measures as and when contracts come up for renewal or if existing contracts allow modification of the performance measure set. CMS is also working to align measures across public programs. They intend to include, for broad input, the agreed upon draft measure sets in the Physician Fee Schedule and other proposed rules. For measures that are not currently in CMS programs, CMS would go through the annual pre-rulemaking and rulemaking processes to solicit stakeholder and public input. Depending on public response, these measures will be included in a timeframe determined by the Agency.

#### **4b. Improvement**

Progress toward achieving the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations is demonstrated. If not in use for performance improvement at the time of initial endorsement, then a credible rationale describes how the performance results could be used to further the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.

##### **4b.1. Progress on Improvement. (Not required for initial endorsement unless available.)**

Performance results on this measure (current and over time) should be provided in 1b.2 and 1b.4. Discuss:

- Progress (trends in performance results, number and percentage of people receiving high-quality healthcare)
- Geographic area and number and percentage of accountable entities and patients included

The performance rates show variation with no trend of improvement. These rates indicate the opportunity for continued performance improvement.

**4b.2. If no improvement was demonstrated, what are the reasons? If not in use for performance improvement at the time of initial endorsement, provide a credible rationale that describes how the performance results could be used to further the goal of high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations.**

#### **4c. Unintended Consequences**

The benefits of the performance measure in facilitating progress toward achieving high-quality, efficient healthcare for individuals or populations outweigh evidence of unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations (if such evidence exists).

**4c.1. Were any unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations identified during testing; OR has evidence of unintended negative consequences to individuals or populations been reported since implementation? If so, identify the negative unintended consequences and describe how benefits outweigh them or actions taken to mitigate them.**

There have been no reports of unintended consequences with this measure.

### **5. Comparison to Related or Competing Measures**

If a measure meets the above criteria and there are endorsed or new related measures (either the same measure focus or the same target population) or competing measures (both the same measure focus and the same target population), the measures are compared to address harmonization and/or selection of the best measure.

#### **5. Relation to Other NQF-endorsed Measures**

Are there related measures (conceptually, either same measure focus or target population) or competing measures (conceptually both the same measure focus and same target population)? If yes, list the NQF # and title of all related and/or competing measures.

No

**5.1a. List of related or competing measures (selected from NQF-endorsed measures)**

**5.1b. If related or competing measures are not NQF endorsed please indicate measure title and steward.**

**5a. Harmonization**

The measure specifications are harmonized with related measures;

**OR**

The differences in specifications are justified

**5a.1. If this measure conceptually addresses EITHER the same measure focus OR the same target population as NQF-endorsed measure(s):**

**Are the measure specifications completely harmonized?**

**5a.2. If the measure specifications are not completely harmonized, identify the differences, rationale, and impact on interpretability and data collection burden.**

**5b. Competing Measures**

The measure is superior to competing measures (e.g., is a more valid or efficient way to measure);

**OR**

Multiple measures are justified.

**5b.1. If this measure conceptually addresses both the same measure focus and the same target population as NQF-endorsed measure(s):**

**Describe why this measure is superior to competing measures (e.g., a more valid or efficient way to measure quality); OR provide a rationale for the additive value of endorsing an additional measure. (Provide analyses when possible.)**

**Appendix**

**A.1 Supplemental materials may be provided in an appendix.** All supplemental materials (such as data collection instrument or methodology reports) should be organized in one file with a table of contents or bookmarks. If material pertains to a specific submission form number, that should be indicated. Requested information should be provided in the submission form and required attachments. There is no guarantee that supplemental materials will be reviewed.

[No appendix Attachment:](#)

**Contact Information**

**Co.1 Measure Steward (Intellectual Property Owner):** [American Society of Clinical Oncology](#)

**Co.2 Point of Contact:** [Tayyaba, Shehzadi, Tayyaba.Shehzadi@asco.org, 571-483-1673-](#)

**Co.3 Measure Developer if different from Measure Steward:** [American Society of Clinical Oncology](#)

**Co.4 Point of Contact:** [Tayyaba, Shehzadi, Tayyaba.Shehzadi@asco.org, 571-483-1673-](#)

**Additional Information**

**Ad.1 Workgroup/Expert Panel involved in measure development**

**Provide a list of sponsoring organizations and workgroup/panel members' names and organizations. Describe the members' role in measure development.**

[ASCO Palliative Measure Development Panel](#)

[The panel is responsible for reviewing evidence and maintaining measures](#)

[Tracey Evans, MD \(Chair\)](#)

University of Pennsylvania

Craig Earle, MD, FASCO (Co-Chair)  
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Katherine Ast, MSW, LCSW  
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White River Junction VA Medical Center

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The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

Sydney Dy, MD  
Johns Hopkins

Esme Finlay, MD  
University of New Mexico Cancer Research and Treatment Center

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Duke University

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Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Michael Neuss, MD, FASCO  
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Consultant in Med Onc and Hem Inc

Holley Stallings, RN  
Norton Cancer Institute

Jamie Von Roenn, MD, FASCO  
American Society of Clinical Oncology

**Measure Developer/Steward Updates and Ongoing Maintenance**

**Ad.2 Year the measure was first released:** 2005

**Ad.3 Month and Year of most recent revision:** 11, 2005

**Ad.4 What is your frequency for review/update of this measure?** Every 3 years

**Ad.5 When is the next scheduled review/update for this measure?** 12, 2017

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