

Cancer

Core Indicators for Hospice Care

Of the approximate 1,030 deaths from **cancer** in Lake County in 2008, only 475 (46%) were provided with the expert pain management, care, compassion and comprehensive support of hospice care.

Cancer is a primary indicator to consider hospice care

According to Medicare guidelines, core indicators of hospice eligibility for cancer include:

- Clinical findings of malignancy with widespread, aggressive or metastatic disease
- Decline in performance status and/or significant, unintentional weight loss

Note: The patient may still receive disease-specific treatment if it is palliative.

If your patient exhibits these signs and symptoms, call **Hospice of the Calumet Area** or fax a Referral to 219.922.3729.



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