

127: Chemotherapy within Last Two Weeks of Life



Why do we want to decrease the number of people receiving chemotherapy at the end of life?

- Chemotherapy at the end of life is associated with lower quality of life for patients and caregivers
- Quality of life in general, and at the end of a person's life specifically, has become an area of focus
- We prioritize decreasing unnecessary and burdensome treatments and increasing patients' and caregivers' quality of life

For whom could chemotherapy within last two weeks of life be collected?

- All patients who died from cancer or cancer treatment

Where can chemotherapy within last two weeks of life be documented?

- Oncologist's note
- Medication Administration Record
- Hospice form
- Infusion notes
- Death certificate
- Pharmacist notes

What are the common challenges documenting this measure?

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