

# 126a: Hospice Enrollment



## What is Hospice?

- Hospice offers high quality care for patients with advanced terminal illness who have a life expectancy of  $\leq 6$  months
- Research has shown reductions in symptom burden, pain intensity, and distress, when appropriate hospice care is utilized
- High quality hospice care increases patients' and caregivers' quality of life

## For whom could hospice enrollment be collected?

- All patients who died from cancer or cancer treatment

## Where can hospice enrollment be documented?

- Oncologist's note
- EMR tab "Documents"
- "Search" option
- Hospice provider/facility note in EMR
- EMR tab "Referrals"

## What are the common challenges with collecting this measure?

- Difficulty in locating a hospice referral in EMR
- No uniform hospice documentation
- Lack of "search" option in certain EMRs