14-Point Questionnaire Helps Identify Patients Eligible for Palliative Care Consults

1. Admitted with two or more chronic, life-limiting conditions, and dependent on others for ADLs
2. Admitted two or more times in the last 3 months
3. Frequent (>1/month) ED visits in the last 3 months
4. Decisions regarding goals of care are needed
5. Distress related to decision making is interfering with care
6. Documented grave or very poor prognosis
7. A new diagnosis of metastatic cancer
8. Restorative treatment is unlikely to be of benefit
9. Proposed treatment has been refused
10. Unacceptable level of discomfort
11. Complex symptoms requiring management
12. Family is in need of additional support regarding a patient’s medical illness
13. Family requests a Palliative Care consult
14. Patient previously received Palliative Care services

Provider Process for Determining Eligible Patients

1. Provider answers questionnaire regarding current patient
2. All 14 questions are answered “No”
   | Answered “Yes” to at least one question | No palliative care consult | Palliative care consult ordered
3. Provider answers questionnaire regarding current patient