

Supplementary Box 1. Karnofsky performance status score.

► Score

► Functional status

Able to carry on normal activity and to work: no special care needed

100	Normal, no complaints, no evidence of disease
90	Able to carry on normal activity, minor signs of symptoms of disease
80	Normal activity with effort, some signs or symptoms of disease

Unable to work; able to live at home and care for most personal needs; varying amounts of assistance needed

70	Cares for self, unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work (e.g. needs assistance with cleaning the house)
60	Requires occasional assistance, but is able to care for most personal needs (e.g. needs assistance for weekly bath)
50	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care (daily assistance with personal needs)

Unable to care for self; requires equivalent of institutional or hospital care; disease may be progressing rapidly:

40	Disability, requires special care and assistance (nursing home)
30	Severe disability, hospital admission is indicated although death not imminent (hospitalised)
20	Very sick, hospital admission necessary, active supportive treatment necessary
10	Moribund, fatal processes progressing rapidly
0	Dead

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