

# TOP TEN MEASURES THAT MATTER

- 1 Palliative care and hospice patients receive a comprehensive assessment (physical, psychological, social, spiritual and functional) soon after admission.**  
Source: PEACE Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 2 Seriously ill palliative care and hospice patients are screened for pain, dyspnea, nausea and constipation during the admission visit.**  
Source: PEACE Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 3 Seriously ill palliative care and hospice patients who screen positive for at least moderate pain receive treatment (medication or other) within 24 hours.**  
Source: PEACE Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 4 Patients with advanced or life-threatening illness are screened for dyspnea and, if positive to at least a moderate degree, have a plan to manage it.**  
Source: National Committee for Quality Assurance/American Medical Association-Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement  
<http://www.ama-assn.org/apps/listserv/x-check/qmeasure.cgi?submit=PCPI>
- 5 Seriously ill palliative care and hospice patients have a documented discussion regarding emotional needs.**  
Source: PEACE Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 6 Hospice patients have a documented discussion of spiritual concerns or preference not to discuss them.**  
Source: National Quality Forum #1647/Deyta, LLC/Hospice Item Set | [http://www.qualityforum.org/Projects/Palliative\\_Care\\_and\\_End-of-Life\\_Care.aspx#t=2&s=&p=3%7C](http://www.qualityforum.org/Projects/Palliative_Care_and_End-of-Life_Care.aspx#t=2&s=&p=3%7C)
- 7 Seriously ill palliative care and hospice patients have documentation of the surrogate decision-maker's name and contact information or absence of a surrogate.**  
Source: PEACE Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 8 Seriously ill palliative care and hospice patients have documentation of their preferences for life-sustaining treatments.**  
Source: National Quality Forum # 1641/PEACE Set/Hospice Item Set | <http://www.med.unc.edu/pcare/resources/PEACE-Quality-Measures>
- 9 Vulnerable elders with documented preferences to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatments have their preferences followed.**  
Source: ACOVE Palliative Care and End of Life | <http://www.rand.org/health/projects/acove/acove3.html>
- 10 Palliative care and hospice patients or their families are asked about their experience of care using a relevant survey.**