

Palliative Procedure - This Facility (Class)

Organization	Field Name	ID	Required
KCR	Palliative Procedure - This Facility (Class) (LPallProcHere)	40084	no
NAACCR	RX Hosp--Palliative Proc	3280	no

Field Length: 1

This field allows reporting facilities to track care that is considered palliative rather than diagnostic or curative in intent. Palliative procedures are performed to relieve symptoms and may include surgery, radiation therapy, systemic therapy, and/or pain management therapy.

Surgical procedures, radiation therapy, or systemic therapy provided to prolong the patient's life by controlling symptoms, to alleviate pain, or to make the patient comfortable should be coded as palliative care and as first course therapy if that procedure removes or modifies malignant tissue.

Code	Description
0	No palliative care provided. Diagnosed at autopsy.
1	Surgery (which may involve a bypass procedure) to alleviate symptoms, but no attempt is made to diagnose, stage, or treat the primary tumor.
2	Radiation therapy to alleviate symptoms, but no attempt is made to diagnose, stage, or treat the primary tumor.
3	Chemotherapy, hormone therapy, or other systemic drugs to alleviate symptoms, but no attempt is made to diagnose, stage, or treat the primary tumor.
4	Patient received or was referred for pain management therapy with no other palliative care.
5	Any combination of codes 1, 2, and/or 3 without code 4.
6	Any combination of codes 1, 2, and/or 3 with code 4.
7	Palliative care was performed or referred, but no information on the type of procedure is available. Palliative care was provided that does not fit the descriptions for codes 1-6.
9	It is unknown if palliative care was performed or referred; not stated in patient record.

A case in a multi-facility database may be associated with more than one facility, and this field exists in the class history record for each affiliated facility. When a facility creates or associates itself with a case, this field is automatically filled in with the value from Palliative Procedure At This Facility ([item 31680](#)).