HOSPITAL USE AT END OF LIFE

**METRIC**
Inpatient admissions and emergency department visits in the 30 days prior to death

**BACKGROUND**
For patients who are in the terminal phase of their cancer, hospitalizations or emergency department visits in the days prior to death reduce quality of life, create anxiety and can lead to costly medical bills. For patients whose cancer is incurable and in the terminal phase, careful planning and management of needs, symptoms, expectations and preferences should reduce the number of unplanned emergency department visits and hospital stays.

**POPULATION**
N = 4525
Inclusion criteria:
- Solid tumor diagnosed January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2014
- Enrolled with at least one claim in the 3 months prior to death
- Patient died
Exclusion criteria:
- Stage in situ

**DEFINITIONS**
- Inpatient admissions: Includes admissions directly to the hospital or through the emergency department
- ED visit: Care in the emergency department that did not result in an inpatient admission
- Time period: Last 30 days of life
- Cause of Death: All

**RESULTS**

**INPATIENT ADMISSIONS BY AGE AT DEATH**

- Average: 58%

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS BY AGE AT DEATH**

- Average: 14%

**INPATIENT ADMISSIONS BY CLINIC**
Clinic variation in inpatient admissions prior to death from 20% to 100% of patients.

**REGIONAL AVERAGE**
- ED VISITS: 14%
- INPATIENT ADMISSIONS: 58%