

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All questions have only one correct answer

1. Under the Medicare Hospice Benefit, which one of the following admission criteria is **not** required:

1. a physician-of-record is identified
2. DNR (no code) status
3. expected prognosis of 6 months or less
4. medical care is limited to a palliative, symptom-oriented approach

2. As part of the Medicare Hospice Benefit which of the following is **not** provided:

1. bereavement program for surviving families
2. night-time custodial care
3. payment for all medications related to the terminal illness
4. skilled nursing visits

3. A patient with metastatic lung cancer is spending over 50% of the time in bed or lying around due to fatigue. He has lost 15 pounds in the past 6 weeks. No further anti-neoplastic treatment will be offered. If asked, you can tell the patient his prognosis is:

1. about six to nine months
2. only God can determine how long someone has to live
3. you believe his time is short, only a few weeks to a few months
4. you really can't tell how much time is left

4. An anuric patient on chronic dialysis is considering stopping dialysis. The patient wants to know how long she would likely survive if she stops dialysis. The best response would be to say:

1. about 2-3 days
2. about one to two weeks
3. only God can determine how long someone has to live
4. there is no way to tell for sure

5. Hospices providing services under the Medicare Hospice Benefit must offer all the following services, except:

1. alternative medicine specialist to provide massage therapy
2. chaplain support for patient and family
3. home health aides to assist with bathing
4. social worker support for patient and family

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