

Karnofsky Scale

Adapted from Karnofsky, Abelmann, Craver, & Burchenal, 1948

- 100 Normal; No complaints; No evidence of disease. Able to work.
- 90 Able to carry on normal activity; Minor symptoms. Able to work.
- 80 Normal activity with effort; Some symptoms. Able to work.
- 70 Cares for self; Unable to carry on normal activity. Independent; not able to work.
- 60 Disabled; dependent. Requires occasional assistance; cares for most needs.
- 50 Moderately disabled; dependent. Requires considerable assistance and frequent care.
- 40 Severely disabled; dependent. Requires special care and assistance.
- 30 Severely disabled. Hospitalized, death not imminent.
- 20 Very sick. Active supportive treatment needed.
- 10 Moribund. Fatal processes are rapidly progressing