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### Tools: Consider These Measurement Tools To Beef Up Data Collection

**Stock your toolbox to protect your claims.**

Your longer-stay patients' records will need to prove eligibility in a number of ways, but one hard and fast requirement will be objective measurements. Consider using these eligibility assessment tools offered by physician **David Fedor**, Medical Director for Palliative Care at **McKay Dee Hospital**, System Medical Director of Palliative Care for **Intermountain Healthcare**, and Medical Director for **Envision Hospice**, in a presentation at the **Utah Hospice & Palliative Care Organization's** November convention:

- Karnofsky Performance Scale (KPS)
- Palliative Performance Scale (PPS)
- Functional Assessment Staging (FAST)
- Activities of Daily Living
- New York Heart Association Classification (NYHA)
- Nutritional status measurement tools
- Weight scales
- Body Mass Index (BMI)
- Mid Arm Circumference (MAC)
- Cognition measurement tools
- Mini-Mental Exam.