

## Eli's Hospice Insider

### Use This Checklist for Completing the Comprehensive Assessment

Your hospice may tailor the comprehensive assessment to include a range of information, but make sure it covers these key areas listed by the hospice final interim interpretive guidance for surveyors.

- o Pain
- o Skin integrity
- o Dyspnea
- o Confusion
- o Nausea and vomiting
- o Emotion distress
- o Constipation
- o Spiritual needs
- o Restlessness or anxiety
- o Support systems
- o Sleep disorders
- o Family need for counseling and education

The guidance notes that the assessment isn't limited to the above. Also, hospices should then gather "additional information, as necessary" to meet the patient/family's needs, the guidance instructs (see the article on this page).