

Karnofsky Performance Status Scale

The Karnofsky Performance Scale (KPS) is an assessment tool for functional impairment. It is used to improve understanding of patient needs, ability to carry out daily activities and to assess patient prognosis.

Condition	Value (%)	Level of functional capacity
Able to carry on normal activity and to work. No special care needed.	100%	No complaints; no evidence of disease
	90%	Able to carry on normal activity; minor signs or symptoms of disease
	80%	Normal activity with effort; some signs or symptoms of disease
Unable to work; able to live at home and care for most personal needs; varying amount of assistance needed.	70%	Cares for self; unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work
	60%	Requires occasional assistance but is able to care for most personal needs
	50%	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care
Unable to care for self; requires equivalent of institutional or hospital care; diseases may be progressing rapidly.	40%	Disabled; requires special care and assistance
	30%	Severely disabled; hospital admission indicated although death not imminent
	20%	Very sick; hospital admission necessary; active supportive treatment necessary
	10%	Moribund; fatal processes progressing rapidly
	0%	Dead
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