

Palliative Prognostic Index (PPI)

The PPI relies on the assessment of performance status using the Palliative Performance Scale (PPS, oral intake, and the presence or absence of dyspnea, edema, and delirium).

Performance status/Symptoms	Partial score
Palliative Performance Scale	
10–20	4
30–50	2.5
>60	0
Oral Intake	
Mouthfuls or less	2.5
Reduced but more than mouthfuls	1
Normal	0
Edema	
Present	1
Absent	0
Dyspnea at rest	
Present	3.5
Absent	0
Delirium	
Present	4
Absent	0

Scoring

PPI score > 6 = survival shorter than 3 weeks

PPI score >4 = survival shorter than 6 weeks

PPI score ≤4 = survival more than 6 weeks

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