Standard 4.6 – Monitoring Compliance with Evidence Based Guidelines

Radiation Department: National Quality Forum 1822: External Beam Radiotherapy (EBRT) for Bone Metastasis

Performance Measure	Method	Indicator	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
1. Numerator: All patients regardless	Quarterly	Numerator: #	X	X	6	X	X	11	X
of age, with a diagnosis of painful	Medical				(86%)			100%	
bone metastasis, and no previous	Record								
radiation to the same anatomic site	Review								
who receive EBRT with the									
following recommended									
fractionation schemes:									
30Gy/10fxns, 24Gy/6fxns,									
20Gy/5fxns, or 8Gy/1fxn					7			11	
2. Denominator: All pts with bone metastasis and no previous radiation to the same anatomic site who receive EBRT					Yes 100%			N/A	
3. If the dose was not one of the recommended doses above was the medical reason documented									

Patient #7 in March has an isolated area of metastatic breast cancer in the right humorous status post open reduction internal fixation. This is one time when I do recommend lighter doses of palliative irradiation in a patient with a slow growing estrogen receptor positive breast cancer with an isolated solitary bone metastasis. This patient is likely to live many years and by going to a slightly higher dose to the right humorous at this time we limit the likelihood that we would have to retreat the patients dominant right arm in the future.

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