



NDoc[®] References: Karnofsky Performance Scale

Summary: The Karnofsky Performance Scale index assesses three dimensions of health status – activity, work and self-care thus allows patients to be classified as to their functional ability. When the scale is administered over several time points, it can be used to assess for changes in the patient’s condition.

100	Normal, 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
70	Cares for self; unable to carry on normal activity or to do active work
60	Requires occasional assistance, but can care for most of own needs
50	Requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care
40	Disabled; requires special care and assistance
30	Severely disabled; hospitalization would be indicated though death not imminent
20	Hospitalization would be necessary; very sick: active supportive treatment necessary
10	Moribund; fatal processes progressing rapidly
0	Dead

