


PIMSH 21 Screening and Achieving Resolution or Improvement of Distress for Cancer Care RATE 2 ONLY

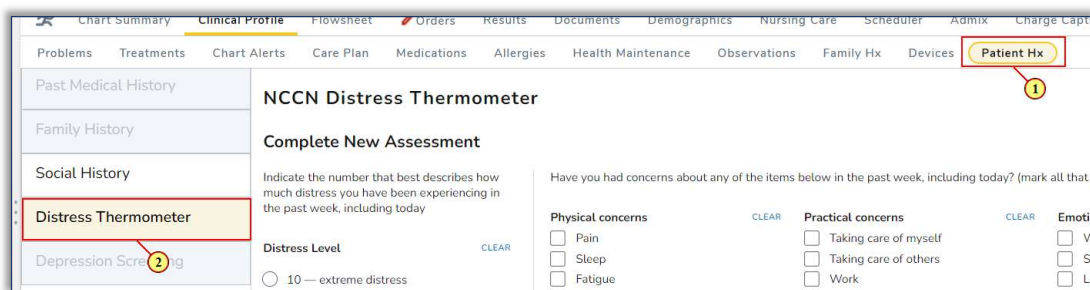
In this lesson, you will learn the steps required for **MIPS # PIMSH21 Screening and Achieving Resolution or Improvement of Distress for Cancer Care Rate 2 workflow steps.**

Measure Rate 2: Percentage of patients 18 years and older with an active cancer diagnosis who screen positive for distress using a comprehensive, standardized screening tool and achieve resolution or improvement within 6 months for at least 1 of their concerns.

This measure reviews the **initial screening** during the Denominator Identification Period of 7/1 of the previous performance period through 6/30 of the current performance period and, if positive, a **rescreening** completed within 6 months showing an improvement.

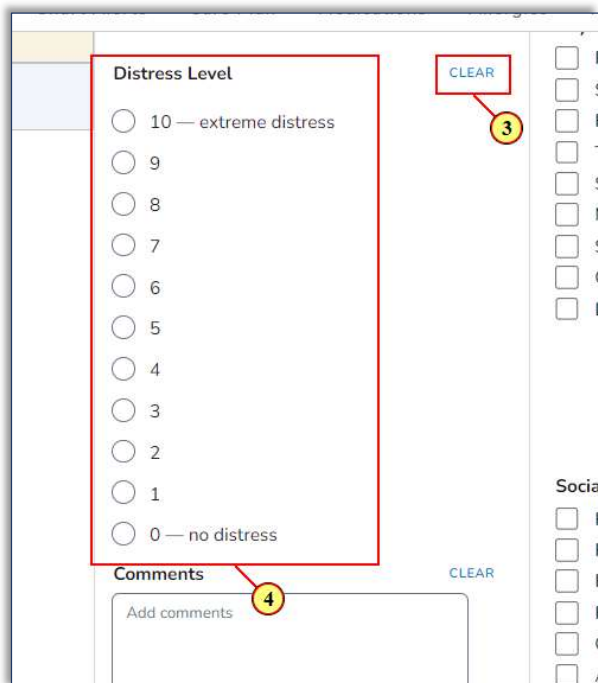
Improvement is defined as a reduction in the patient’s overall distress score (i.e. scale of 0-10). Resolution is defined as the patient indicates that they no longer need assistance for 1 or more concerns that were identified during initial screening. The absence of a concern charted during a subsequent screening is indicative of resolution.

 The Distress Screening may be sent via Ontada Health as an ePRO. Please see the Ontada Health help menu for more information on electronic screening. This job aid will walk through adding the screening documentation to iKnowMed.



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1. To reach the NCCN Distress Thermometer, go to the **Clinical Profile** tab, then click Patient Hx.
2. Then click on **Distress Thermometer** in the left-hand menu.



3. Click **CLEAR** to reset selections, if needed.
4. Enter the patient's identified **Distress Level** by clicking the radio button next to the reported level.



5. Comments may be added in the free text Comments box.

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Have you had concerns about any of the items below in the past week including today? (mark all that apply)

Physical concerns	CLEAR	Practical concerns	CLEAR	Emotional concerns
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pain		<input type="checkbox"/> Taking care of myself		<input type="checkbox"/> Worry or anxiety
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep		<input type="checkbox"/> Taking care of others		<input type="checkbox"/> Sadness or depression
<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue		<input type="checkbox"/> Work		<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of interest or enjoyment
<input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco use		<input type="checkbox"/> School		<input type="checkbox"/> Grief or loss
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance use		<input type="checkbox"/> Housing		<input type="checkbox"/> Fear
<input type="checkbox"/> Memory or concentration		<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities		<input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual health		<input type="checkbox"/> Finances		<input type="checkbox"/> Anger
<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in eating		<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance		<input type="checkbox"/> Changes in appearance
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss or change of physical abilities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation		<input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of worthlessness or burden
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Childcare		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Having enough food		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Access to medicine		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Treatment decisions		

6. Complete any **areas of concern** based on the patient's responses.

Other concerns

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Add other concerns

7. A free text box is available to document any **Other concerns**, but this will not be included as a **distress identifier**.

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Plan CLEAR

Referral to licensed clinician (MD, APP, RN, MSW) for further assessment and follow-up

Referral to internal team member for follow-up


Referral to outside clinician or organization for follow-up

Patient declined assistance

Other CLEAR

Add comments

8. Based on the assessment results, a plan of care to address areas of concern may be documented but is not a measure requirement. A free text box is available for additional comments.

	<p>Note: Depending on your monitor size, you may need to scroll to the right using the bottom scroll bar to see the Plan area.</p>
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CANCEL
SUBMIT

9. Click **SUBMIT** to save.

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Date ↑	Distress level	Distress comments	Physical concerns	Practical concerns	Emotional concerns	Social concerns	Spiritual/rel concerns	Other concerns	Plan	Other
04/09/2026	3	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

10. Previously completed assessments can be viewed here.

Patient declined to complete assessment

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11. If the **Patient declined to complete the assessment**, check this box to document the measure exception.

Plan

- Referral to licensed clinician (MD, APP, RN, MSW) for further assessment and follow-up
- Referral to internal team member for follow-up
- Referral to outside clinician or organization for follow-up
- Patient declined assistance

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12. If the patient is positive for distress, **but is declining assistance**, check the box next to “Patient declined assistance” to document the measure exception.

Patient Information

Edit

Name: Angelia

First Name: []

Middle Name: []

Last Name: zzBalsiger Suffix: []

Previous Name (e.g. Maiden Name): []

Patient Notes: Preferred Contact: Liz (sister) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Preferred method of contact: []

Employment Status: []

Marital Status: []

Multiple Birth: []

MRN: zzTest40

Patient Status: Hospice

Hospice Record: Hospice - March 13, 2026

Hospice Notes: Enrolled in Our Lady of Fatima Hospice, practice notified 4/6/26. SH

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13. Patients who are actively enrolled in hospice during the 6-month follow-up is a measure exclusion. Document the hospice enrollment in iKnowMed.

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The screenshot shows the 'Demographics' tab in the iKnowMed system. Under 'Patient Information', there are several fields: Name (Angella), MRN (zzTest40), Patient Status (Deceased - April 03, 2026), Cause of Death (Hem/Onc Disease), and Location of Death (Hospital). A red box highlights the 'Patient Status' field, and a yellow circle with the number '14' is placed over the MRN field.

14. Patients who have died prior to 6-month follow up are a measure exclusion. Document date of death in iKnowMed.

This concludes the lesson for the **MIPS # PIMSH21 Screening and Achieving Resolution or Improvement of Distress for Cancer Care Rate 2** quality measure.