NOTE: Responses to PS1, PS3, and PS5 are indicators of quality. PS2 and PS4 are included only to determine whether PS3 and PS5 should be completed.

PS1. Is there evidence in the medical chart that current emotional well-being was assessed within one month of the first visit with a medical oncologist?  

Yes or No

Documentation of current emotional well-being is sufficient if the medical chart includes one of the following:

- copy of distress, depression, or anxiety screening measure OR
- copy of form including patient self-report of distress, depression, or anxiety OR
- any note with statement referring to current “coping,” “adjustment,” “distress,” “emotional,” “depression,” or “anxiety” status of patient

A reference to past history is not sufficient. There must be evidence that current emotional well-being was assessed.

If Yes, mark Yes and next answer question PS2  
If No, mark No and skip to question PS4

PS2. Is there evidence that a problem with emotional well-being was identified within one month of the first visit with a medical oncologist?  

Yes or No

Documentation of a problem with emotional well-being is sufficient if the chart includes a statement indicating that the patient is “distressed,” “depressed,” “anxious,” or having problems with “coping,” “adjustment,” or “emotional well-being.”

NOTE: All patients for whom action was taken to address a problem with emotional well-being (see PS3) will be considered to have had a problem with emotional well-being (i.e., mark yes for PS2).

If Yes, mark Yes and next answer question PS3  
If No, mark No and skip to question PS4

PS3. Is there evidence that action was taken to address the problem or an explanation provided of why no action was taken within one month of the first visit with a medical oncologist?  

Yes or No

Evidence that action was taken or explanation of lack of action is sufficient if the medical chart includes one of the following:
• chart note describing care provided by primary oncology team for problem with “coping,” “adjustment,” “depression,” “anxiety,” or “distress” OR
• chart note describing referral to another professional for care of problem with “coping,” “adjustment,” “depression,” “anxiety,” or “distress” OR
• chart note describing referral to mental health professional (i.e., psychiatrist, psychologist, social worker, pastoral care professional, mental health counselor, or psychotherapist) OR
• chart note describing care provided by another professional for problem with “coping,” “adjustment,” “depression,” “anxiety,” or “distress” OR
• chart note describing why no action was taken to address problem with “coping,” “adjustment,” “depression,” “anxiety,” or “distress"

If Yes, mark Yes and next answer question PS4
If No, mark No and next answer question PS4

PS4. Is there evidence that a patient was prescribed a psychotherapeutic agent within one month of the first visit with a medical oncologist?  

Yes or No

Evidence that patient was prescribed a psychotherapeutic agent is sufficient if the chart includes a note indicating that a medication classified in the Physician’s Desk Reference (PDR) as belonging to any of the following categories was prescribed to the patient: anti-anxiety agents, antidepressants, antipanic agents, antipsychotic agents, bipolar agents, obsessive-compulsive disorder management agents, or psychostimulants. Please refer to PDR for list of qualifying medications. Please note that additional research to determine if these medications are eligible may be necessary.

If Yes, mark Yes and next answer question PS5
If No, mark No. Review is complete

PS5. Is there an explanation of why the medication was prescribed?  

Yes or No

Explanation of why the patient was prescribed the medication is sufficient if:

• for the first medication identified as belonging to any of the categories listed above (see PS4), chart note explaining why the medication is being prescribed OR
• for the first medication identified as belonging to any of the categories listed above (see PS4), chart note describing problem for which the medication can be prescribed that was written concurrent with prescription of the medication.

If Yes, mark Yes. Review is complete
If No, mark No. Review is complete