

Diagnostic Criteria for Hospice

ALZHEIMERS DISEASE

FAST SCALE of 7 or greater

Secondary Conditions (should have had one in the past 12 months)

CANCER

PPS < 70%

Disease with metastasis at presentation of bone, liver, or brain. Progression from an earlier stage of disease to metastatic disease with either:

1. continued decline despite therapy
2. patient declines further disease directed therapy

CARDIOPULMONARY CONDITIONS

Cardiac Disease

1&2 should be present

1. Optimally treated with diuretics and vasodilators.
2. **NYHA Class IV**
3. Angina at rest, resistant to nitrate therapy or declines invasive procedures
4. Signs & symptoms of CAD or CHF (edema, rales, PND, orthopnea, etc.) EF 20% or less

Pulmonary Disease

Disabling dyspnea at rest
Poor response to bronchodilators
FEV1 <30%

Increasing physician visits in previous 6 months for respiratory issues

Hypoxemia at rest (O2 sat 88% or less)

Supplemental

cor pulmonale
Resting tachycardia (>100 bpm)

FAILURE TO THRIVE

Required:

PPS 40 or Less

BMI < 22

Unresponsive to enteral/ parenteral nutrition
Declined enteral/parenteral nutrition

Secondary Conditions

HIV

1 and 2 are required:

1. CD4 count <25 and Viral load >100K plus one of the following:

CNS Lymphoma
MAC unresponsiveto treatment. Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy Systemic Lymphoma
Visceral Kaposi Sarcoma
Renal failure without dialysis Cryptosporidium infection
Toxoplasmosis

2. **PPS** 50 or less

Supplemental

Chronic persistent diarrhea for 1 year
Serum albumin <2.5
Concomitant substance abuse Age >50yrs
Resistance to HIV treatment
AIDS dementia
CHF
Liver Disease

LIVER DISEASE 1 and 2 are required:

1. Documented lab values

INR >1.5

Serum albumin <2.5

2. At least one of the following:

Ascites refractory to treatment or noncompliance
Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
Hepatorenal syndrome
Hepatic encephalopathy
Recurrent variceal bleeding despite therapy

Secondary:

Progressive malnutrition, muscle wasting, continued alcoholism (4 drinks daily). Liver cancer, Hepatis B or C refractory to treatment

PARKINSON'S DISEASE

1 or 2a and 2b or 3 are required

ALS (Lou Gehrigs disease)

1, 2a & 2b or 2a & 3 are required

1. Critically impaired breathing capacity as evidenced by:
Dyspnea at rest
Forced Vital Capacity <30%
Patient declines artificial ventilation

- 2a. Progression from independent ambulation to wheelchair.

Progression from Normal speech to barely intelligible or unillegible speech

Progression from normal diet to pureed diet
Progression from independent ADLs to requires major assistance with ADLs.

- 2b. Oral Intake insufficient to sustain life

Contuing weight loss
Dehydration or hypovolemia
Absence of artificial feeding methods

3. Life threatening complications evidenced by:
Secondary Conditions

RENAL DISEASE Required 1 and 2 or 1 and 3

1. Discontinues or refuses dialysis
2. **CrCl** <10 or <15 if DM
3. Serum creatinine >8 or >6 if DM

Supplemental

Cancer
Heart disease
Lung disease
Liver disease
Sepsis Immunosuppression
Cachexia
Albumin <3.5
Oliguria <400mL in 24 hours
Uemia
Uremic pericarditis Intractable hyperkalemia (>7) Hepatorenal syndrome Platelets <25K
GFR <10
Intractable fluid overload
Mechanical ventilation
DIC

STROKE AND COMA

Coma (Any 3 of the following on Day 3)
Abnormal brain stem response Absent Verbal Response
Absent Withdrawal response to pain
Serum creatinine >1.5
Post anoxic stroke

Stroke (1 and 2 required)

1. **PPS** 40 or less
2. Inability to maintain hydration and caloric intake with one of the following:

Wt loss 10% in 6 mos
Wt Loss 7.5% in 3 months
Serum albumin <2.5.
Aspiration pneumonia
Oral intake insufficient to sustain life
Calorie counts documenting inadequate caloric intake.

OTHER TERMINAL ILLNESS

Observable and documented deterioration as evidenced by any of the following:

Multiple physician visits
Progressive pressure ulcers

PPS 40% or less
Systolic BP <90
Progressive dependence in ADL's
Persistent nausea and vomiting Recent impaired nutritional status Weight loss
Decreasing serum albumin (< 2.5)
Requires O2 at rest
Declines artificial ventilation **BMI** <22

Combination of disease processes which, reviewed together, presents a picture of structural and functional impairment

Secondary Conditions:

Worsening **FAST Score**

UTI/Pyelonephritis

Sepsis

Aspiration Pneumonia

Decubitus Ulcer Stage 3 or 4

10% Weight Loss

Serum Albumin <2.5

Recurrent Fever despite antibiotics

Failure of therapies to reverse impairment

Links broken? Suggestions for improvement?