

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for Pulmonary Disease



End-stage pulmonary diseases should have **both** 1 and 2 to qualify for hospice care. 3, 4, and 5 support diagnosis and prognosis of 6 months or less.

1. _____ Disabling dyspnea at rest / poorly or unresponsive to bronchodilators resulting in decreased functional capacity (bed to chair existence/fatigue/cough,)(FEV1 <30% of predicted - not necessary to obtain)

AND

- _____ Progression of end stage pulmonary disease as evidenced by increasing visits to ER or hospitalization for pulmonary infections and/or respiratory failure or increasing MD home visits (decrease in FEV >40ml/yr is evidence of disease progression – not necessary to obtain)
2. _____ Hypoxemia at rest on room air as evidenced by pO₂ <55mmHg **OR**
 _____ Oxygen saturation <88% on supplemental O₂ **OR**
 _____ Hypercapnia as evidenced by pCO₂ >50mmHg within 3 months
3. _____ Cor pulmonale
4. _____ Unintentional progressive weight loss >10% of body weight over past 6 months
5. _____ Resting tachycardia >100/min

Non-disease specific guidelines to be used in conjunction with above criteria (both A and B should be met)

- A. Decline in Karnofsky Performance Status (KPS) or Palliative Performance Score (PPS) <70% (See back) [Click here for KPS](#) _____
[Click here for PPS](#) _____

- B. Must be dependent on 2 or more of the following ADLs
 Feeding _____ Ambulation _____ Continence _____
 Transfer _____ Bathing _____ Dressing _____
 Other _____

Co-morbid conditions:

COPD _____	CHF _____	Ischemic heart disease _____
Diabetes mellitus _____	Neurologic dx _____	Renal failure _____
Liver disease _____	Neoplasia _____	AIDS _____

Information obtained from: ngsmedicare.com/NGSMedicare/lcd/L25678_active_lcd.htm dated 6.5.09. This sheet is designed as a fact-finding tool to help determine prognosis as it relates to making a hospice referral. This sheet is not intended to be used to formulate diagnosis and does not confirm/rule out hospice qualification. If the patient meets the factors you may wish to make a referral to Hospice of Spokane. You may do so by calling 509.456.0438 or filling out the online referral form at <http://hospiceofspokane.org/admissions.html>.

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