

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for Dementia/Alzheimer's



Note: This section is specific for Alzheimer's and related disorders, and is not appropriate for other types of dementia.

1. Patients with dementia should have **all** of the following to qualify for hospice care:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to ambulate w/o assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to dress w/o assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to bathe w/o assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary / fecal incontinence (intermittent or constant) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No consistently meaningful verbal communication. Stereotypical phrases only or ≤ 6 intelligible words | <input type="checkbox"/> FAST Score stage 7 (<i>Click here for FAST</i>) |

2. Patients with dementia should have had **one** of the following within the past 12 months:

- Aspiration pneumonia
- Pyelonephritis
- Septicemia
- Multiple decubitus ulcers Stage 3-4
- Recurrent fever after antibiotics
- Inability to maintain sufficient calorie intake w/ 10% wt loss during previous 6 months or serum albumin < 2.5 gm/dl

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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