

General Hospice Guidelines for Liver Disease



Liver disease: Data from **both** 1 & 2 should be present to qualify for hospice care.

1. Lab tests should have both values:
 - Prothombin time >5 secs over control or INR >1.5
 - Serum Albumin <2.5 gm/dl
2. Should have at least one of the following co-morbidities:
 - Ascites refractory to tx or patient non-compliant
 - Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
 - Hepatorenal syndrome w/ elevated creatinine and BUN w/ oliguria (<400 ml/day) and urine sodium concentration <10 mEq/l
 - Hepatic encephalopathy / refractory to tx or patient non-compliant
 - Recurrent variceal bleeding despite intensive therapy

Supporting Data (if available)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Progressive malnutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle wasting w/ reduced strength & endurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cont. active alcoholism (>80gm/day) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatocellular carcinoma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HBsAG positive (Hepatitis B) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hep C refractory to interferon therapy |

Other Co-morbidities: Pick one or more values

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| COPD <input type="checkbox"/> | CHF <input type="checkbox"/> | Ischemic heart disease <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Diabetes mellitus <input type="checkbox"/> | Neurologic dx <input type="checkbox"/> | Renal failure <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Liver disease <input type="checkbox"/> | Neoplasia <input type="checkbox"/> | AIDS <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dementia <input type="checkbox"/> | Other <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Karnofsky Status – Pick one value (status of 70% or less required)

Moribund / imminent death	10 _____
Very sick / active supportive tx	20 _____
Severely disabled / req close monitoring	30 _____
Disabled / req special care / assistance	40 _____
Req much assistance / freq med care	50 _____
Req occasional assist / self care most ADL	60 _____
Self Care ADL's / limited activity	70 _____
Normal activity with effort / S&S of dx	80 _____
Normal activity / minor S&S of dx	90 _____
No evidence of dx	100 _____

Palliative Performance Score – (Poor functional status at or below 70%)

Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: mouth care only; drowsy or coma	10 _____
Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: minimal to sips; full or drowsy	20 _____
Totally bed bound / unable to do any activity; intake: normal / reduced; full or drowsy	30 _____
Mainly in bed / unable to do most activity mainly assist; intake: normal / reduced; full or drowsy	40 _____
Mainly sit / lie / unable to do any work; considerable assistance req; intake: normal / reduced; full or confusion	50 _____
Activity unable hobby / housework; req occasional assistance; intake: normal / reduced; full consciousness / confusion	60 _____
Unable to do normal job / work; indep. care; intake: normal / reduced; full consciousness	70 _____
Full / normal activity with effort; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	80 _____
Full / normal activity and work; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	90 _____
Full / normal activity and work; indep. care; intake: normal; full consciousness	100 _____

Karnofsky Status (<70%) _____

Palliative Performance Score (<70%) _____