

# 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 FEV1 >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. \_\_\_\_\_ Right Heart Failure (RHF) secondary to pulmonary disease (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)  
 KPS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PPS \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Must be dependent in 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 _____

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

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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 _____

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

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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%)* \_\_\_\_\_