

Qualifying Hospice Guidelines for Renal Disease



Acute Renal Failure:

1 and **either** 2 or 3 or 4 should be present to qualify for hospice care

1. Dialysis:

- Patient seeking neither dialysis nor renal transplantation **OR**
- Discontinuing dialysis

2. Creatinine clearance:

- <10 ml/min (<15 ml/min for diabetics) **OR**
- <15 ml/min (<20 ml/min for diabetics) with co-morbidity of CHF

3. Serum creatinine >8 mg/dl (>6 mg/dl for diabetics)

4. Estimated GFR <10 ml/min

Acute Renal Failure – Co-morbid conditions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical ventilation | <input type="checkbox"/> Malignancy of other organ system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic lung disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced cardiac disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced liver disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Albumin <3.5 gm/dl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immunosuppression / AIDS | <input type="checkbox"/> Platelet count <25,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disseminated intravascular coagulation | <input type="checkbox"/> GI bleeding |

Chronic Kidney Disease:

1 and **either** 2 or 3 or 4 (see above) should be present to qualify for hospice care

Supporting Signs and Symptoms of Renal Failure:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Uremia | <input type="checkbox"/> Oliguria (<400 ml/24 hrs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperkalemia (>7.0) not responsive to treatment | <input type="checkbox"/> Uremic pericarditis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatorenal syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> Intractable fluid overload not responsive to treatment |

Karnofsky Status – Pick one value (status 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%) _____