

Triggers for Potential Hospice Admission

Conditions Associated with Limited Life Expectancy

Cancer

- Any Stage IV cancer with treatment options exhausted or not elected

Dementia

- Must be specifically either Alzheimer's or Multi-infarct, or Parkinson's
- Bedbound, total assist with ADLs, aphasic, dysphagia, decubiti or UTI or aspiration event

Heart

- NYHA Stage IV CHF or LVEF <20% (bed to chair existence, dyspnea on minimal exertion)
- Severe valvular heart disease leading to hospital admission
- Inoperable symptomatic CAD
- Severe pulmonary HTN with right side heart failure

Liver

- Cirrhosis with refractory ascites or recurrent encephalopathy or portal hypertensive bleeding, INR >1.6 without intent, Albumin <2.5

Lung

- Stage IV COPD/ES pulmonary fibrosis FEV1 <30% predicted
- Severe pulmonary HTN with right side heart failure or cor pulmonale

Renal

- Stage IV progressive or Stage V dialysis discontinued/declined

Stroke

- Acute: no recovery to conscious state after 3 days
- Chronic: weight loss, recurrent aspiration pneumonia, decubitus ulcer, loss of function

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