

Hospice Eligibility

Pulmonary Disease

A patient with pulmonary disease may be eligible for hospice if:

- Shortness of breath is significant, even when resting
- Response to treatment intended to relax airways is minimal
- Symptoms worsen during coughing, or when fatigued
- Visits to the ER and hospitalizations increase due to pulmonary infections and/or respiratory failure
- Right ventricle of the heart is enlarged
- Below normal level of oxygen saturation
- Unintentional weight loss (<88%) in last six months
- Higher than normal heart rate
- Confined to bed or chair at all times

Because prognosis is difficult, clinical judgment is needed.



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