

Hospice Admission Guidelines

Renal Disease

LCD Guidelines

Acute Renal Failure (1 & either 2 or 3 should be present.)

1. The patient is not seeking dialysis or renal transplant, or is discontinuing dialysis
2. Creatine clearance <10 cc/min (15 cc/min for diabetics) based on measurement or calculation; or <15 cc/min (<20 cc/min for diabetics) with comorbidity of congestive heart failure
3. Serum creatine >8.0 mg/dl (>6.0 mg/dl for diabetics)

Comorbidities

History of mechanical ventilation	Malignancy (other organ system)
Chronic lung disease	Advanced cardiac disease
Advanced liver disease	Sepsis
Immunosuppression/ AIDS	Albumin <3.5 gm/dl
Cachexia	Platelet count <25,000
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	Gastrointestinal bleeding

Chronic Renal Failure (1 & either 2 or 3 should be present.)

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2. Creatinine clearance <10 cc/min (<15 cc/min for diabetics) based on measurement or calculation; or <15 cc/min (<20 cc/min for diabetics) with comorbidity of CHF
3. Serum creatinine >8.0 mg/dl (>6.0 mg/dl for diabetics)

Signs & Symptoms

Uremia w/ altered level of consciousness	Intractable fluid overload
Uremic pericarditis	Oliguria (<400 cc/24 hours)
Intractable hyperkalemia (>7.0)	Hepatorenal Syndrome

Comparative Data

Fast Score - Document on continually, on admit Fast 7a now 7c

PPS/ADL - PPS score change, 1 month ago PPS 50% now PPS 30%, Patient was 2 person transfer, now requires Hoyer lift

Intake change - Was eating 100% of meals now only eats 50% of meals, Patient is pocketing food, Diet change from regular to pureed, Patient was eating independently but now requires assistance

Weight Change - Lost 10lbs in last month, lost 10% of body weight in last 6 months

Alert/ Oriented - On admission patient was sleeping 10 hours a day, now sleeping 15+ hours a day

Skin Issues - Should be documented on every visit, redness noted to coccyx, previously had no skin issues

Activity - Patient can no longer move themselves in wheelchair, could move independently in wheelchair on admission, patient is leaning in wheelchair and now requires lateral support

Infections - New and/or recurrent infection(s)

Fever - Recurrent fever

Comorbidities

SOB	Confusing	Itching, cramps, muscle twitches
Loss of appetite	Self care deficits	Drowsiness
Nausea & vomiting	Activity limitations	Fatigue



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