

Hospice Admission Guidelines

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LCD Guidelines

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The criteria refer to patients with various forms of advanced pulmonary disease who eventually follow a final common pathway for end stage pulmonary disease. (1 & 2 should be present. Documentation of 3, 4, & 5 will be supporting documentation.)

1. Severe chronic lung disease as documented by:

- A. Disabling dyspnea at rest, poorly or unresponsive to bronchodilators resulting in decreased functional capacity. e.g. bed to chair existence, fatigue, & cough.
- B. Progression of end stage pulmonary, as evidenced by increasing visits to the emergency department or hospitalizations for pulmonary infections &/or respiratory failure or increasing physician home visits prior to initial certification.

2. Hypoxemia at rest on room air, as evidenced by $pO_2 \leq 55$ mmHg; or oxygen saturation $\leq 88\%$, determined either by arterial blood gases or oxygen saturation monitors. (Values may be obtained from recent hospital records.) OR Hypercapnia, as evidenced by $pCO_2 \geq 50$ mmHg. (Value may be obtained from hospital records within 3 months of current date.)

3. Right heart failure (RHF) secondary to pulmonary disease (Cor pulmonale) (e.g. not secondary to left heart disease or valvulopathy.)

4. Unintentional progressive weight loss of greater than 10% of body weight over the preceding 6 months.

5. Resting tachycardia > 100 /min.

Comparative Data

Change in Breathing - Labored purse lip breathing, barrel chest noted, cough noted, tripod posture

Increase in SOB - Not able to ambulate or handle activity, patient used to be able to walk to bathroom not short of breath and now requires a break, does not sleep in bed anymore, prefers a recliner to sleep in

Change in Activity - Used to be involved with every activity, now does not attend activities

Change in Intake - Patient was eating 100% now only eating 50%

Infection - Pneumonia, bronchitis

Comorbidities - Increase in CHF exacerbation's

Comorbidities

Kidney Failure
Pain
SOB
Bleeding

Syncopal Episodes
Anorexia
Ascites

Edema
Weight Gain



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