Pocket Guide

Hospice Diagnosis Indicators *

HIV/AIDS
- Weight loss and weakness
- ADL assistance
- Increasing Infections
- Change in lab values

NEUROLOGICAL
(CVA, Parkinsons, ALS, etc.)
- Impaired swallowing, breathing
- Limited speech
- ADL assistance
- Weight loss and weakness

DEMENTIA/ALZHEIMERS
- Verbally limited
- Non-ambulatory
- Incontinent of bowel or bladder
- ADL assistance required

CANCER
- Metastases
- Tx no longer slows progression
- Continued weight loss
- ADL assistance

CARDIAC
- Shortness of breath at rest
- Recurrent symptom of CHF
- Ejection fraction 20% or less
- Activity intolerance

LIVER DISEASE
- Serum albumin < 2.5gm/dl
- PT > 5 sec over control or INR > 1.5
- Jaundice
- Ascites

PULMONARY DISEASE
- Hypoxemia- < 88% on room air OR
- Hypercapnia- $pCO2 > 50$ mmHg
- Disabling dyspnea at rest
- Frequent respiratory infections

STROKE OR COMA
- Irreversible damage, vegetative state
- Inability to swallow
- Need for total care
- Poor nutritional status

NON – SPECIFIC TERMINAL ILLNESS
- Recent Clinical/Functional decline
- Significant weight loss, or BMI<22
- Increase in ER, Physician visits
- Progression of cognitive impairment
- ADL assistance
- Other Co-morbidities that attribute to decline

General Guidelines
- ✓ Frequent Hospitilizations
- ✓ Frequent Physician or ER visits
- ✓ Deteriorating mental status
- ✓ Recurrent infections
- ✓ Progressive weight loss

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HOW TO REFER

It is an easy process to make a referral.

Referrals to Pathway Hospice can be made
24 Hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call Pathway Hospice, LLC
or Fax our Hospice Referral Form today!

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Our intake coordinator will contact all
responsible parties to coordinate family
consultation and/or patient assessments.

Our Admission Team consults, evaluates,
and initiates care, and will contact you with
updates throughout the process.

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