Hospice Indicators for Patients with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

Indicators	Notes
□ Patient has elected not to have tracheostomy	
and invasive ventilation and display evidence of critically impaired respiratory function	
and/or severe nutritional insufficiency	
☐ Critically impaired ventilatory capacity, as	
evidenced by:	
☐ Vital Capacity (FVC) <40% of predicted (seated or supine)	
☐ Significant dyspnea at rest	
☐ Use of accessory respiratory musculature	
Requiring oxygen at rest/minimal activity	
☐ Respiratory rate >20	
☐ Reduced speech/vocal volume	
☐ Excessive daytime sleepiness	
☐ Confusion	
☐ Anxiety	
☐ Nausea	
☐ Comorbidities likely to contribute to a life expectancy of six months or less	
☐ Both rapid progression of ALS and critically impaired ventilatory capacity	
☐ Both rapid progression of ALS and critical nutritional impairment, with a decision not to receive artificial feeding	
☐ Both rapid progression of ALS and life- threatening complications such as:	
Recurrent aspiration pneumonia	
☐ Decubitus ulcers, multiple, stage 3-4, particularly if infected	
☐ Upper urinary tract infection, e.g., pyelonephritis	
☐ Sepsis	Objo Living
☐ Fever recurrent after antibiotics	Ohio Living
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