## Hospice Indicators for Patients with Alzheimer's or Dementia

Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia  ☐ FAST Scale 7A or greater and:	Notes
☐ Unable to ambulate on own	
☐ Incontinence of bowel and bladder	
☐ Totally dependent in all ADLs	
☐ No consistently meaningful verbal communication (limited to 6 or fewer intelligible words)	
☐ Palliative Performance Scale 70% or less	
☐ Karnofsky Performance Status Scale from 70% or less	
☐ Body Mass Index less than 22	
☐ Unintentional weight loss	
Other Symptoms  Palliative Performance Scale rating of <50	
☐ Observable and documented deterioration in the past 4-6 months, as manifested by:	
☐ 3+ hospitalizations or ED visits	
☐ Decrease in tolerance to physical activity	
☐ Decrease in cognitive ability	
☐ Difficulty swallowing or refusal to eat	
Common Comorbidities  Aspiration pneumonia	
□ Septicemia	
□ Pyelonephritis	
☐ Upper urinary tract infection	
☐ Fever recurrent after antibiotics	
☐ Serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl	
☐ Multiple decubitus ulcers, stage 3-4	
☐ CHF or cardiovascular disease	
□ COPD or restrictive lung disease	Ohio Living
☐ Cerebrovascular disease or stroke	Ohio Living
☐ Diabetes mellitus	Home Health & Hospice
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☐ Malignancy