Hospice Indicators for Patients with Lung Disease

Indicators ☐ Karnofsky Performance Status Scale ≤70%	Notes
☐ Palliative Performance Scale ≤70%	
□ Body Mass Index ≤22	
☐ Unintentional weight loss or gain	
☐ Dyspnea	
☐ At rest or with minimal exertion	
☐ In spite of continuous oxygen	
☐ Increased frequency of:	
☐ Respiratory infections	
☐ Bronchitis	
☐ Pneumonia	
☐ Cor Pulmonale or right heart failure	
☐ Continuous chronic oxygen therapy	
☐ Resting tachycardia >100/minute	
☐ Steroid dependent	
☐ Cyanosis	
☐ Oxygen saturation <88% on room air	
□ PCO2 ≥50 mm Hg	·
 Unresponsive or poorly responsive to bronchodilator therapy 	
☐ Increased frequency of ED visits, hospitalizations or physician visits before initial certification for symptom control	
☐ Dependence in 2 or more ADLs	
☐ Decreased functional capacity	
☐ Comorbidities likely to contribute to a life expectancy of 6 months or less	
☐ FEV1 ≤30% predicted post-bronchodilator	
☐ Serial decreases in FEV1 of at least 40 ml/year over several years	
□ PO2 ≤55 on room air	Ohio Living
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