Hospice Indicators for Patients with Stroke or Coma

Notes	Indicators ☐ Karnofsky Performance Status Scale ≤40%
	— Palliative Performance Scale ≤40%
	□ Body Mass Index ≤22
	☐ Unintentional weight loss (despite tube feeding)
	□ 10% in last six months OR
	□ 7.5% in last 3 months
	Comorbidities likely to contribute to a life expectancy of 6 months or less
	Sequential calorie counts documenting inadequate caloric fluid intake
	☐ Dysphagia without tube feeding
	☐ Pulmonary aspiration not responsive to speech pathology intervention
	□ Serum albumin 2.5 gm/dl or less
	☐ Aspiration pneumonia
	Pyelonephritis
	□ Sepsis
	☐ Skin breakdown, decubitus ulcers, refractory stage 3-4
	☐ Comatose patients: day 3 of coma
	☐ Abnormal brain stem response
	□ Absent verbal response
	——————— □ Absent withdrawal response to pain
	☐ Serum creatinine > 1.5 mg/dl
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