NON-CANCER DIAGNOSIS
REFERRAL GUIDE

ALS
• Significant decline in function
• Rapid progression of ALS
• Affected respiratory status
• Secondary conditions such as weight loss or recurrent infections

HEART DISEASE
• Patient is symptomatic despite maximum medical management with diuretics and vasodilators
• Shortness of breath with minimal activity
• Significant symptoms of recurrent CHF at rest

HIV/AIDS
• CD4+ count <25 OR viral load >100,000
• Not responding to treatment
• Weight loss
• Comorbid conditions
• Decreased performance status

LIVER DISEASE
• PT >5 over control or INR >1.5
• Serum albumin <2.5
• Secondary conditions such as:
  • Jaundice and/or ascites
  • Peritonitis
  • Hepatorenal syndrome
  • Hepatic encephalopathy
  • Recurrent variceal bleeding
NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE
(Alzheimer’s/Dementia)
• Limited verbal communication
• Limited ability to walk
• Functional decline
• Comorbid or secondary conditions
• Weight loss during the last 6 months

PULMONARY DISEASE
• Disabling dyspnea at rest
• Increased hospitalization or ER visits
• Unintentional weight loss
• Progression of end stage pulmonary disease
• Hypoxemia on room air
• Hypercapnia

RENAL DISEASE
• Patient is no longer receiving dialysis
• Creatinine clearance <10cc/min
• Serum creatinine >8.0 mg/dl
• Not a candidate for transplant

STROKE OR COMA
Stroke
• Unable to bathe/dress without assistance
• Weight loss
• Serum Albumin <2.5 gm/dl
• Current history of pulmonary aspiration
• Food and fluid intake is reduced

Coma
Any 3 of the following on day 3 of coma
• Abnormal brainstem response
• Absent verbal response
• Absent withdrawal response to pain
• Serum creatinine >1.5 mg/dl

HOSPICE home care

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