

Hospice of the Shoals 767-6699

**Pulmonary Disease
Hospice Admission Criteria**

Patients will be considered to be in the terminal stage of pulmonary disease if they meet the following criteria:

1. Severe chronic lung disease documented by both A and B

- A. ___ Disabling dyspnea at rest, poorly or unresponsive to bronchodilators, resulting in decreased functional capacity, e.g., bed to chair existence, fatigue and cough**
***Documentation of forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) after bronchodilator, less than 30% predicated is objective evidence for disabling dyspnea, but is not necessary to obtain.**

- B. ___ Progression of end-stage pulmonary disease, as evidenced by prior increasing visits to the emergency department, or prior hospitalizations for pulmonary infections/respiratory failure:**
Hospital admission dates in past year: _____

- 2. Hypoxemia at rest on room air, as evidenced by:**
___ pO₂ <55 mgHg: or O₂ saturation = or < 88%
___ Hypercapnia (pCO₂ > 50 mm HG)

- 3. Supportive Documentation:**
___ Cor Pulmonale and right heart failure secondary to pulmonary disease (not secondary to left heart disease or valvulopathy).
___ Unintentional progressive weight loss >10% over preceding 6 months
___ Resting tachycardia >100mm

- 4. ICD-9 Codes that support medical necessity:**
***Diagnoses for pulmonary disease, which leads to end-stage pulmonary disease will be accepted.**

- 5. Supportive other EOL Co-morbidities**

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