

# Lung Disease/COPD

The patient has severe chronic lung disease as documented by 1, 2, and 3

- 1a. Disabling dyspnea at rest
- 1b. Poor response to bronchodilators
- 1c. Decreased functional capacity (e.g., bed to chair existence, fatigue and cough)
  - An FEV1 < 30% is objective evidence for disabling dyspnea but is not required

AND

2. Progression of disease as evidenced by a recent history of increased visits to MD office, home or emergency room and/or hospitalizations for pulmonary infections and/or respiratory failure

AND

3. Documentation within the past three (3) months of **a** or **b** or both:
  - a. Hypoxemia at rest ( $pO_2 < 55$  mgHg by ABG) or oxygen saturation <88%
  - b. Hypercapnia evidenced by  $pCO_2 > 50$ mm Hg

**Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:**

- Cor pulmonale and right heart failure secondary to pulmonary disease
- Unintentional progressive weight loss > 10% over the preceding six (6) months
- Resting tachycardia > 100bpm