

HIV/AIDS

The patient must have 1 or 2, 3 and 4

1. CD4 + Count <25 cells/mm³

OR

2. Persistent viral load > 100,000 copies/ml from two (2) or more assays at least one (1) month apart

AND

3. At least one (1) of the following conditions:

- CNS lymphoma
- Untreated or refractory wasting (loss of > 33% lean body mass)
- Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) bacteremia, untreated, refractory or treatment refused
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Systemic lymphoma
- Refractory visceral Kaposi's sarcoma
- Renal failure in the absence of dialysis
- Refractory cryptosporidium infection
- Refractory toxoplasmosis
- Treatment resistant symptomatic dysrhythmias
- History of unexpected or cardiac related syncope
- CVA secondary to cardiac embolism
- History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation

AND

4. [Palliative Performance Scale \(PPS\)](#) of 50% (requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care, actively limited mostly to bed or chair)

Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:

- Chronic persistent diarrhea for one year
- Persistent serum albumin <2.5
- Concomitant active substance abuse

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