

Heart Disease/CHF

The patient has 1 or 2 and 3:

1. Poor response to (or patient's choice is not to pursue) optimal treatment with diuretics, vasodilators, and/or ACE inhibitors.

OR

2. The patient has angina pectoris at rest resistant to standard nitrate therapy and is not a candidate for invasive procedures and/or has declined revascularization procedures

AND

3. [New York Heart Association \(NYHA\)](#) Class IV symptoms with both of the following: •
The presence of significant symptoms of recurrent Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) ang/or angina at rest
- Inability to carry out even minimal physical activity without symptoms of heart failure (dyspnea and/or angina)

Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:

- Echo demonstrating an ejection fraction of 20% or less
- Treatment resistant symptomatic dysrhythmias
- History of unexplained or cardiac related syncope
- CVA secondary to cardiac embolism
- History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation

