

Huntington's Disease

The patient has both 1 and 2:

1. Stage VII or beyond according to the [Functional Assessment Staging Scale \(FAST\)](#) with all of the following:
 - Inability to ambulate without assistance
 - Inability to dress without assistance
 - Urinary and fecal incontinence, intermittent or constant
 - No consistent meaningful verbal communication

AND

2. Has had at least one (1) of the following conditions within the past twelve (12) months:
 - Aspiration pneumonia
 - Pyelonephritis or other upper urinary tract infection
 - Septicemia
 - Decubitus Ulcers, Multiple, Stage 3 – 4
 - Toxoplasmosis unresponsive to therapy
 - Fever, recurrent after antibiotics
 - Inability to maintain sufficient fluid and caloric intake with one or more of the following during the preceding twelve (12) months:
 - i. 10% weight loss during the previous six (6) months

OR

- ii. Serum albumin <2.5gm/dl

OR

- iii. Significant dysphagia with associated aspiration measured objectively (e.g., swallowing test or a history of choking or gagging with feeding)
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