

WORKSHEET FOR DETERMINING PROGNOSIS



HIV Disease

The purpose of this worksheet is to guide initial and recertification assessments. This is a guide only; clinical judgment is required in each case. This worksheet is completed and signed by the RN and attached to a completed Admission/Recertification Evaluation form. After reviewing the completed paperwork, the Medical Director will sign the Admission/Recert Evaluation form and Recertification form for hospice eligible clients.

Client Name: _____ Medical Record Number: _____ Date: _____

The patient must have 1a or b, 2 and 3. Number 4 supports diagnosis.

1a. CD4 + Count < 25 cells/mm³

Or

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

And

2. At least one of the following conditions: *(check all that apply)*

- 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 (PML)
- 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

3. Palliative Performance Scale equal to 50% or below. (requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care, activity limited mostly to bed or chair).

4. **Other supporting factors: (check all that apply)**

- Chronic persistent diarrhea for one year
- Persistent serum albumin < 2.5 (normal 3.3-4.5 g/dl)
- Active substance abuse
- Age > 50 years
- Absence of antiretroviral, chemotherapeutic and prophylactic drug therapy related specifically to HIV disease
- Advanced AIDS dementia complex
- Toxoplasmosis
- Congestive heart failure, symptomatic at rest
- Tuberculosis
- Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia (PCP)
- Cytomegalovirus

