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Hospice for Lung Disease/ COPD

The patient has severe chronic lung disease as documented by A, B, C:

A¹. Disabling dyspnea at rest

A². Poor response to bronchodilators

A³. 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

B. 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

C. Documentation within the past three (3) months of i. or ii. or both:

- Hypoxemia at rest ($pO_2 < 55$ mgHg by ABG) or oxygen saturation <88%
- 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 >100 bpm

In the absence of one or more of these findings, rapid decline or comorbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.

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