

## Hospice for Renal Failure Chronic

### The patient has A and either B or C:

A. The patient is not seeking dialysis or transplant

*AND*

B. Creatinine clearance \* <10 cc/min

#### Cockcroft-Gault Formula for Estimating Creatinine Clearance

$$\text{CrCl (mL/min)} = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) \times \text{Lean Body Weight (kg)}}{\text{Serum Creatinine (mg/dL)} \times 72} \quad (\times 0.85 \text{ if female})$$

C. Serum creatinine > 8.0mg/dl (>6.0mg/dl for diabetes)

#### Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:

- Urenia
- Oliguria (urine output less than 400cc in 24 hrs)
- Intractable hyperkalemia ( greater than 7.0) not responsive to treatment
- Uremic pericarditis
- Hepatorenal syndrome
- Immunosuppression/AIDS
- Intractable fluid overload, not responsive to treatment

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