

AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

Patients must fulfill 1,2 or 3

1. Does the patient demonstrate critically impaired breathing capacity?

(Check all that apply)

- Is the patient's vital capacity (average normal 4000-5000ml) less than 30% of normal
- Does the patient have significant dyspnea at rest
- Does the patient require supplemental oxygen at rest
- Does the patient decline artificial ventilation

2. Does the patient demonstrate both rapid progression of ALS and critical nutritional impairment?

(Check all that apply)

Rapid Progression occurring within the 12 months preceding certification

- Is the patient wheelchair or bedbound
- Does the patient have barely intelligible or unintelligible speech
- Does the patient require a pureed diet
- Does the patient require major assistance in all ADLs

Nutritional impairment occurring within the 12 months preceding certification

- Oral intake of nutrients insufficient to sustain life
- Continuing weight loss
- Dehydration or hypovolemia
- Absence of artificial feeding methods

3. Does the patient have both rapid progression and life threatening complications demonstrated by the following characteristics?

Rapid Progression - see number 2 above.

Life threatening complications occurring within the 12 months preceding certification should have at least one of the following:

(check all that apply)

- Recurrent aspiration pneumonia
- Upper urinary tract infection, e.g. pyelonephritis
- Sepsis
- Recurrent fever after antibiotic therapy

WORK SHEET FOR DETERMINING PROGNOSIS - ALS

This worksheet is designed as a fact-finding tool and is not intended to be used to formulate diagnoses