

LIVER DISEASE

1 and 2 must be present. Factors from 3 will add supporting documentation.

1. Patient should show both a and b:

- a. Does the patient have a prothrombin time prolonged more than 5 seconds over control, or International Normalized Ratio (INR) >1.5? _____
- b. Does the patient have a serum albumin < 2.5 gm/dl? _____

2. Does the patient have at least one of the following to support end stage liver disease?

(Check all that apply)

- _____ Ascites, refractory to treatment or patient non-compliant
- _____ Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
- _____ Hepatorenal syndrome (elevated creatinine and BUN with oliguria (< 400 ml/day) and urine sodium concentration <10 mEq/l
- _____ Hepatic encephalopathy, refractory to treatment, or patient non-compliant (hand flapping tremor, somnolence, coma)
- _____ Recurrent variceal bleeding , despite intensive therapy

3. Documentation of following factors will support eligibility for hospice care:

(Check all that apply)

- _____ Progressive malnutrition
- _____ Muscle wasting with reduced strength and endurance
- _____ Continued active alcoholism
- _____ Hepatocellular carcinoma
- _____ HBsAg (Hepatitis B) positivity
- _____ Hepatitis C refractory to interferon treatment

4. Patient is not a candidate for liver transplant or refuses liver transplant

_____check if true statement