

Trigger-Based Hospice Referral Checklist

Consider Early Referral for Optional Care

Patient Information:
Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____ Primary Diagnosis: _____
Date Completed: _____

Clinical Triggers



Refer If any of the following apply:

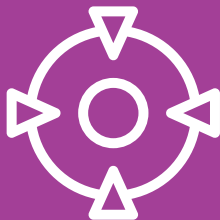
- ☐ Frequent hospitalization (≥ 2 in past 6 months)
- ☐ Progressive weight loss ($> 5\%$ in 6 months))
- ☐ Increasing symptom burden (pain, dyspnea, etc.)
- ☐ Declining response to treatment

Functional Triggers



- ☐ PPS $\leq 60\%$
- ☐ Needs help with 3+ ADLs
- ☐ Reduced mobility / bedbound
- ☐ Cognitive decline (dementia)

Disease-Specific Triggers



- ☐ Cancer: Progression despite treatment
- ☐ CHF / COPD: Frequent exacerbations
- ☐ ESRD/Dialysis: Declining function
- ☐ Advanced Dementia: Weight loss, infection

Patient/ Family Readiness



- ☐ Open to goals-of-care discussion
- ☐ Concerned about quality of life
- ☐ Seeking support for symptoms

Referral Actions



- ☐ Conform eligibility with physician → 🏠 Refer Now
- ☐ Contact hospice to initiate referral → ⚠️ Consider Early Referral
- ☐ Schedule goals-of-care conversation → 💛 Start the Conversation

This checklist is intended to serve as a guide for hospice referrals. Clinical judgement should always be the primary factor in determining eligibility

