



Consider Palliative Care when patients are admitted to the hospital. This is an important aspect of care because...

Palliative Care can often assist in improving symptom control for people with pain or other physical symptoms.

The Palliative Care Team approach can assist you in relieving the emotional, social, and spiritual suffering patients may experience.

Palliative Care can help you determine the eligibility of patients for supportive care services such as Palliative Care Clinic, Home Health and Home Hospice which may provide needed assistance with home services, medications and nurse case management.

Palliative Care can help facilitate patient and family conferences to define goals of care including Advanced Directives.

### Consider a Palliative Care Consult in patients with...

(Any one or more signs/symptoms)

#### Cancer

- Any patient with metastatic or inoperable Cancer

#### Heart Disease

- CHF symptoms at rest
- EF of <20%
- New dysrhythmia
- Cardiac Arrest, syncope or CVA
- Frequent ER visits for symptoms

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## Pulmonary Disease

- Dyspnea at rest
- Signs or symptoms of right heart failure
- O<sub>2</sub> sat on O<sub>2</sub> of <88%
- P CO<sub>2</sub> > 50
- Unintentional weight loss

## Dementia

- Inability to walk
- Incontinence
- Less than 6 intelligible words
- Albumin <2.5 or decrease PO intake
- Frequent ER visits

## Liver Disease

- PT> 5 Seconds
- Albumin <2.5
- Refractory Ascites
- SBP
- Jaundice
- Malnutrition and muscle wasting

## Renal Disease

- Not a candidate for dialysis
- Creatinine Clearance of <15 ml/minute
- Serum Creatinine >6.0

## Failure to Thrive

- Frequent ER visits
- Albumin <2.5
- Unintentional Weight loss

