



Zusman Community Hospice Every Moment

HEART DISEASE/ HEART FAILURE/CHF



When is it time for Hospice Care?

Criteria to look for when referring for Heart Disease/Heart Failure/CHF

When a combination of the following characteristics are present, a patient may qualify to receive hospice care:

Functionality

- Fatigue.
- Palpitations.
- Angina or dyspnea at rest or with minimal exertion.
(Resistant to nitrate therapy and is not candidate for invasive procedures and/or has declined revascularization procedures)
- Chest pain.
- Impaired sleep function.

Conditions within the past 12 months

- Echo demonstrating an ejection fraction of 20% or less.
- Poor response to (or patient's choice is not to pursue) optimal treatment with diuretics, vasodilators and/or angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors.
- Treatment-resistant symptomatic dysrhythmias.
- History or unexplained or cardiac related syncope.
- CVA secondary to cardiac embolism.
- History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation.

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

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