



Zusman Community Hospice Every Moment

PARKINSON'S DISEASE



When is it time for Hospice Care?

Criteria to look for when referring for Parkinson's Disease

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

Functionality

- Progression from independent ambulation to wheelchair or bed-bound status.
- Progression from normal to barely intelligible or unintelligible speech.
- Progression from normal to pureed diet.
- Progression from independence in most or all Activities of Daily Living (ADL) to need major assistance by caretaker in all ADLs.

Conditions within the past 12 months

- Oral intake of nutrients and fluids insufficient to sustain life.
- Continued weight loss.
- Dehydration or hypovolemia.
- Absence of artificial nourishment.
- Aspiration Pneumonia.
- Urinary Tract Infection.
- Sepsis.
- Fever, recurrent after antibiotics.
- Pressure Ulcers.

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