

# HIV Disease

The patient has 1a or 1b, 2 and 3:

**1a.** CD4 + Count  $<25$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>

*OR*

**1b.** Persistent viral load  $> 100,000$  copies/ml from two or more assays at least one month apart

*AND*

**2.** At least one of the following conditions:

- CNS lymphoma
- Untreated or refractory wasting (loss of  $>33\%$  lean body mass)
- Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) bacteremia, untreated, refractory or treatment refused
- Progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy
- Systemic lymphoma
- Refractory visceral Kaposi's sarcoma
- Renal failure in the absence of dialysis
- Refractory cryptosporidium infection
- Refractory toxoplasmosis
- Treatment-resistant symptomatic dysrhythmias
- History of unexpected or cardiac-related syncope
- CVA secondary to cardiac embolism
- History of cardiac arrest or resuscitation

*AND*

**3.** Palliative Performance Score of  $<50\%$  (requires considerable assistance and frequent medical care, activity limited mostly to bed or chair)\*

## **Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:**

- Chronic persistent diarrhea for one year
- Persistent serum albumin  $<2.5$
- Concomitant active substance abuse

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

\*See Appendix 2 for Palliative Performance Scale