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## Criteria for Hospice: Liver Disease

**Mark all that apply:** Note 1 & 2 must be present for the terminal diagnosis to be liver disease

- 1. Prothrombine time prolonged more than 5 seconds over control, or INR>1.5
- 2. Serum albumin <2.5 gm/dl
- 3. Patient shows **at least one** of the following:
  - a. Ascites, refractory to treatment or patient non-compliant
  - b. Spontaneous bacterial peritonitis
  - c. Hepatorenal syndrome (elevated creatinine and BUN with oliguria (<400 cc/day) and urine sodium concentration (<10 mEq/l)
  - d. Hepatic encephalopathy, refractory to treatment, or patient non-compliant
  - e. Recurrent variceal bleeding despite intensive therapy

**These Factors will support eligibility for hospice care:**

- a. Progressive malnutrition
- b. Muscle wasting with reduced strength and endurance
- c. Continued active alcoholism (>80gm ethanol/day)
- d. Hepatocellular carcinoma
- e. HbsAG (Hepatitis B) positivity
- f. Hepatitis C refractory to interferon treatment.

**Note:** Patients awaiting liver transplant may be certified for hospice, but must be discharged if a donor organ is procured.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>5. Comorbid Conditions-</b> List all	<b>Structural/Functional Limitations</b>	<b>Activity/Participation Limitations</b>
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_____	_____	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>6. Secondary Conditions</b> i.e., see #4 for examples	<b>Structural/Functional Limitations</b>	<b>Activity/Participation Limitations</b>
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**ICD9 Codes:**

- 571.2** Alcoholic cirrhosis of liver
- 571.5** Cirrhosis of liver, without mention of alcohol
- 572.2** Hepatic Coma
- 571.40 - 571.49** Chronic Hepatitis
- 573.3** Hepatitis unspecified