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## Criteria for Hospice: Neurological Conditions

**Neurological conditions may support a prognosis of six months or less, if the disease runs its normal course, in many clinical scenarios. Medicare regulations require the documentation of sufficient "clinical information and other documentation."**

**Describe assesment findings for each of the items below:**

1. Structures of the nervous system: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Mental Functions: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Sensory functions and pain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Neuromusculoskeletal functions and mobility: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Communication and orientation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Self-care: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The identification and documentation of relevant secondary and comorbid conditions, will help establish hospice eligibility and maintain a beneficiary-centered plan of care.**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1. Comorbid Conditions-</b> List all	<b>Structural/Functional Limitations</b>	<b>Activity/Participation Limitations</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2. Secondary Conditions</b> <small>i.e., dysphagia, pneumonia, pressure ulcers</small>	<b>Structural/Functional Limitations</b>	<b>Activity/Participation Limitations</b>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**ICD9 Codes:** While there are no specific ICD-9-CM codes for neurological conditions, the ICD-9-CM code describing the most relevant illness, disorder, or injury contributing to the prognosis of six months or less should be coded.