

## Dementia

1. Patient must have **ALL** of these signs and symptoms:
  - Unable to walk without assistance
  - Unable to dress themselves
  - Need help for bathing and grooming
  - Unable to consistently control bowel and bladder
  - Might use some language, but unable to converse effectively
  
2. They may have also experienced at least **ONE** of the following in the last year:
  - Serious lung or kidney infection (pneumonia; pyelonephritis)
  - Sepsis
  - Severe open pressure ulcers (stage 3-4 decubiti)
  - Persistent fever, even after antibiotics
  - Weight loss of >10% in last 6 months or serum albumin <3.0gm/dl
  - Recent hospitalization
  - Mitchell Mortality Risk Indicator score  $\geq 9$  (**See Appendix 4**)

**In the absence of one or more of the above findings, rapid decline or co-morbidities may also support eligibility for hospice care.**