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 also have 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 >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.