Renal Failure

The patient has 1 and either 2 or 3.

1. The patient is not seeking dialysis or transplant

   AND

2. Creatinine clearance* <10cc/min (<15cc/min for diabetics)

   *Creatinine Clearance Calculation for men
   
   \[
   \text{CrCl} = \frac{(140 - \text{age, in years}) \times \text{weight, in Kg}}{72} \times (\text{serum creatine in } \text{mg/dl})
   \]

   *Creatinine Clearance Calculation for women
   
   \[
   \text{CrCl} = \frac{(140 - \text{age, in years}) \times \text{weight, in Kg} \times 0.85}{72} \times (\text{serum creatine in } \text{mg/dl})
   \]

   OR

3. Serum creatinine >8.0mg/dl (>6.0mg/dl for diabetics)

Supporting evidence for hospice eligibility:

- Uremia
- Oliguria (urine output is less than 400cc in 24 hours)
- Intractable hyperkalemia (greater than 7.0), not responsive to treatment
- Uremic pericarditis
- Hepatorenal syndrome
- Immunosuppression/AIDS
- Intractable fluid overload, not responsive to treatment

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