

## 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

$$\text{CrCl} = \frac{(140 - \text{age, in years}) \times (\text{weight, in Kg})}{72 \times (\text{serum creatine in mg/dl})}$$

\*Creatinine Clearance Calculation for women

$$\text{CrCl} = \frac{(140 - \text{age, in years}) \times (\text{weight, in Kg}) \times 0.85}{72 \times (\text{serum creatine in mg/dl})}$$

*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.**