

# GASTROENTEROLOGY

## Referral Guidance Sheet

*I wish to meet  
my favorite player*

**Sheamus, 4**  
liver transplant

*To qualify for a wish, a child must meet these criteria at the time of referral:*

1. Older than 2½ years and under 18 years
2. Has not received a wish from another wish-granting organization
3. Diagnosed with a condition currently placing the child's life in jeopardy

### Usually qualifying Gastroenterology conditions:

- Bowel/Intestinal transplant
- Chronic progressive liver disease with decompensation
- Hepatopulmonary syndrome
- Inflammatory bowel disease resulting in short gut disease with:
  - Prolonged parenteral support
  - Complications resulting from immunosuppressive therapy or surgery
- Liver failure
- Liver transplantation (within one year of transplant)
- Malignancy or inherited premalignant conditions
- Portal hypertension
- Short bowel syndrome or intestinal failure requiring prolonged parenteral (TPN) support
- Status post liver transplant (with ongoing life-threatening complications)

### Other conditions that may be eligible for a wish with complicating comorbidities:

- Atresia of bile ducts
- Complications from immunosuppressive therapy
- Crohn's disease
- Hirschsprung's disease
- Pancreatitis
- Ulcerative colitis
- Many other conditions not listed

